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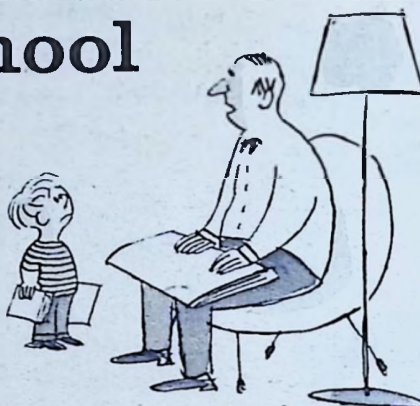




## Again the school bell beckons

Ding-dong-ding! The bells do ring!  
School days are here again;  
Each chick and child is simply wild  
To joust with book and pen.

PARADE cartoonists hail the day  
(Why not? The kids are all away).



"But it wouldn't be fair if I helped you with your homework, son. I'm your teacher."



"You finally got the children off to school?  
Do you know it's Saturday?"

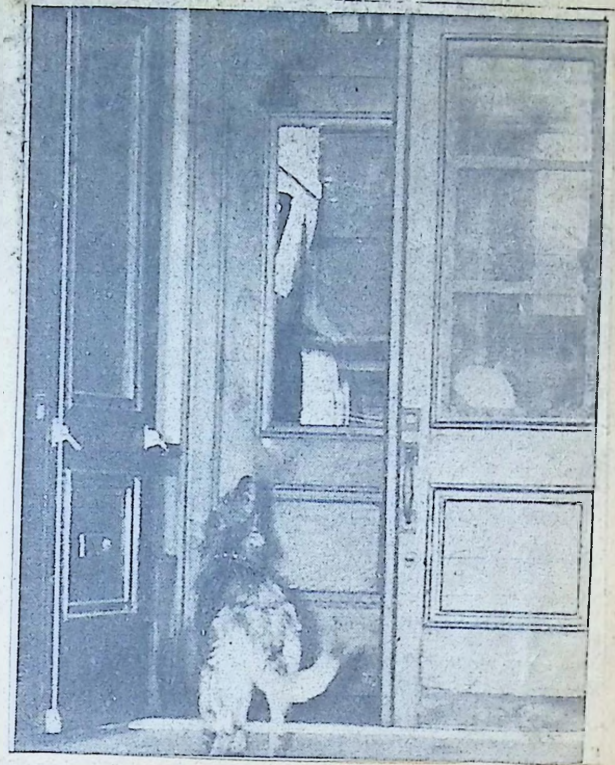


"It's always like this on the first day of school."



SCHOOL BEGAN TODAY in the local areas. Some greeted their teachers with smiles, others had to be comforted, and still others had to leave behind their faithful pets as they entered the portals of the school. In the extreme left photo is a boy presenting his gift, an apple, to the teacher. Next is a lonely dog standing on the school steps, bewildered without his master who has disappeared inside. In the third photo a lad, who finds it hard to change his familiar surroundings for a schoolroom, discovers quickly the teacher already understands his problem and has a remedy for it. In the scene at the extreme right, proving tears are the rule rather than the exception, is another boy saying goodbye to his mother and having his courage bolstered for the last time before she leaves the schoolroom.

## School Year Under Way





## Sinclair Act Suggests 2 Plans For Saco Area School Program

By CECIL J. CUTTS  
Superintendent

### Saco School System

SACO — We are reminded that thoughts of a better day in education can now be advanced as we consider the possibilities of the new Sinclair Act.

There are reorganization plans possible under this law which might reduce building needs in the Union for some period of time as well as strengthen the over-all educational program. In brief the following are two of the possibilities under the Sinclair Act:

PLAN I—1. Form an Administrative District combining Saco and Old Orchard Beach.

2. Change the Burns School to a Junior High School (Grades 7, 8, 9).

3. Change the present high school in Old Orchard Beach to a Junior High School (Grades 7, 8, 9).

4. Contract with Thornton Academy for Grades 10, 11, and 12 both for Saco and Old Orchard Beach pupils.

Under this plan, Thornton Academy would probably have to provide for an increase in total enrollment of about 150 more pupils and the city of Saco would have to provide at least 6 more classrooms for a new 9th grade.

PLAN II—1. Through an Administrative District of Saco and Old Orchard Beach, build a new public high school for grades 9 to 12 for both Saco and Old Orchard Beach pupils.

2. Create a Junior College at Thornton Academy for students in this locality.

3. Use Old Orchard Beach High School for the upper grades in the elementary school program.

Other plans might include the forming of an Administrative District between a. Biddeford and Saco b. Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach c. Scarborough and Saco or

Scarborough, Saco and Old Orchard Beach.

If any of the above Administrative Districts should be formed, constructive aid of more than 18 per cent of the cost would be provided by the State as well as an increase of 10 per cent of the Foundation Program subsidy.

These possibilities are presented for consideration without recommendation. The way now seems clear for some long range planning as we attempt to meet present needs for a better educational program.

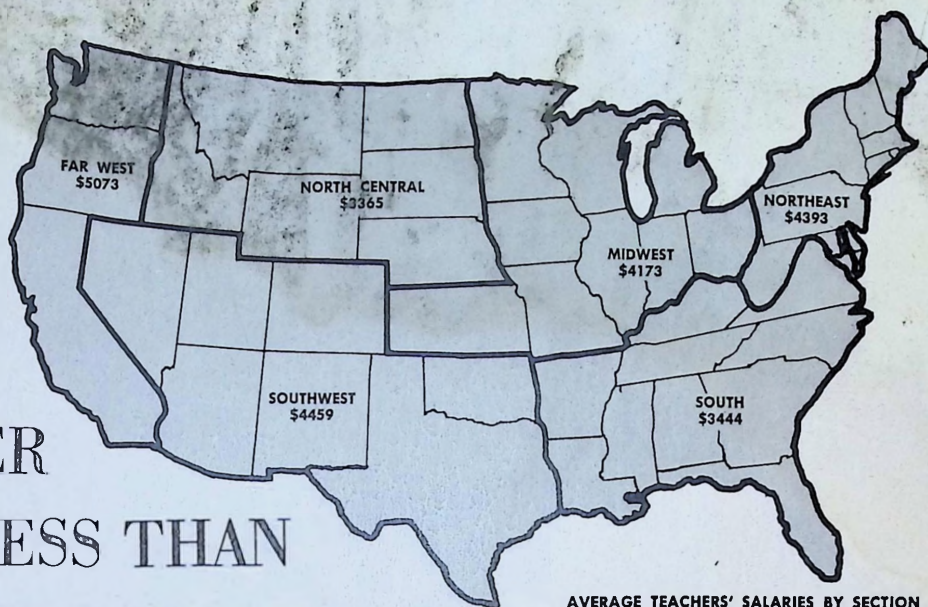
Following the trend of a depressed industry area, the Saco School Department anticipates a drop in enrollment in the public schools for the fall term ahead. Pupil statistics at the close of the school year in June reflected this tendency by establishing a drop of 77 in membership since the opening of schools last fall.

There are plans ready to the point of discussion stages relative to the introduction of Adult Education Courses in the field of industry and citizenship. Financing which is always difficult in troubled times would be helped by a State subsidy to the amount of 50 per cent of the instruction costs.

To supplement the accelerated elementary school program of enrichment, suggestions of a six week summer school course for elementary pupils have been discussed by staff members.



# IS A TEACHER WORTH LESS THAN A FACTORY WORKER?



AVERAGE TEACHERS' SALARIES BY SECTION

National average is \$4,325, compared to worker's annual rate of \$5,399; two areas pay less than \$3,500

**C**URING the ills today besetting U.S. elementary education—and thus regaining the lead in mathematics and science many fear has been lost to the U.S.R.—is more than a matter of building modern school buildings.

Education, primarily, is the process of being taught. The success of any system, whatever its theoretical trimmings, depends on the skill and dedication of the individual classroom teacher.

The quality of U.S. education can be raised only by attracting better teachers, and this seems impossible so long as the average elementary teacher earns far less per year than the average non-supervisory factory worker.

The teacher, according to the National Education Association, makes \$4325 a year, and the production worker, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, \$103.38 per week, a yearly rate of \$5399.16.

Within the teaching field itself, the regional and local discrepancies are even more startling. In Anderson, S. C., a beginning teacher's annual salary is \$1561; the Great Neck, N. Y., classroom maximum is \$10,000.

By section, according to a NEWS FRONT survey, the Far West leads the nation. Its average is \$5073.

The Southwest is second, with \$4459, and the Northeast third, with \$4393. (New York and Connecticut communities rank high individually, but the New England farm states bring down the sectional average.)

Midwest teachers must manage on \$4173. The South and North Central farm states both fall below the \$3500 level. The South's average is \$3444 per year and the North Central \$3365.

Whatever the amount and scope of future Federal and state aid, the problem, under the existing U.S. system of local autonomy, must be solved basically at the community level.

Pioneer in seeking such a community solution is Winnetka, Ill., a Chicago suburb which ranks third among all U.S. suburbs in per capita income and 19th in teacher pay, close to the nation's top.

A Winnetka citizens' committee, after a complete survey of the local school system, has just recommended a plan which sets the maximum for teachers, now \$6,900, at \$12,000, plus fringe benefits comparable to those given by industry. These will include "comprehensive" medical insurance, group life insurance and much higher retirement pensions.

The survey found that 91 of Winnetka's 108 teachers considered their salaries "insufficient," and that 46, to make ends meet, held outside jobs "which may be a serious deterrent to effective teaching." It added that the discovery that almost 100 had no cash reserves "did not surprise us, but it embarrassed us."

Former Assistant Commerce Secretary James C. Worthy, committee chairman and a vice-president of Sears Roebuck and Co., expressed hope that the proposed new Winnetka salaries would "serve as standards for elevating teaching throughout the country."

The plan would increase local taxes on an average \$30,000 home about \$24 annually.

Winnetka voters will pass on it in an April referendum which may set a new national teacher pay pattern.



## Education Still Best Bargain Despite Higher School Costs

Despite rising school costs, public education is still the biggest bargain around.

Portland pupils each are getting a day's training for something less than the price of four packs of cigarettes.

The annual school cost per pupil in 1957 was \$220.71, according to the State Department of Education. For Maine as a whole, the cost averaged \$218.52.

The national average was nearly \$250.

Does that mean that Maine youngsters are getting a poorer education than those in other parts of the country?

Not necessarily, say educators. The difference is being borne primarily by teachers who are willing to work in Maine for less.

Biggest part of the daily cost in Portland goes for instruction — that means primarily teachers' salaries. It's about 86 cents. The rest of the \$1.19 is distributed about like this:

Operation, 18 cents; maintenance, 8½ cents; administration, 3 cents; auxiliary school services, 2 cents, and fixed charges, 1 cent.

The National Education Association estimates that the cost of caring for a pupil in Portland is about a quarter an hour (including buildings, supplies, equipment, teachers, salaries and other costs). The figure excludes interest and capital outlay.

They compare this with the cost of an untrained teenage baby sitter: 50 cents an hour, and you provide the furniture, TV, telephone, transportation and food.

The NEA points out that Americans spend annually \$40.6 billion for defense, \$32.8 billion for homes, \$15 billion for drinking and smoking, \$14.6 billion for automobiles and \$13.8 billion for recreation.

But national school costs are only \$10.7 billion.

The 1957 per-pupil costs of other Maine cities: Hallowell, \$154.57; Gardiner, \$182.37; Belfast, \$176.07; South Portland, \$197.78; Biddeford, \$200.90; Saco, \$201.59; Westbrook, \$224.38; Rockland, \$224.82; Brewer, \$228.48; Augusta, \$241.39; Bath, \$255.66, and Ellsworth, \$263.25.

## Bus Schedule Is Announced By School Superintendent At Saco

SACO — The bus schedule for the 1958-1959 school year has been announced by Supt. Cecil J. Cutts.

Biddeford and Saco Bus Lines, bus 3, 7:45 a. m., Trip 1, to schools.

Bus 5—Trip 1, 8 a. m., Ferry Lane to Glen Have Circle to schools; Trip 2, 8:25 a. m., Glen Have Circle to schools; noon trip, from all schools to South Saco.

Bus 6—Trip 1, 8 a. m. Beach street and Old Orchard road to halfway section to Cumberland avenue, to schools; Trip 2, 8:15 a. m., Cumberland to Portland road to schools.

Bus 10—Trip 1, 8:05 a. m., Bay View road to Bay View, Kinney Shores, Ferry Beach, Camp Ellis, Ferry Lane to schools.

Grant's Bus 1, Trip 1, 7:45 a. m., Carter's, Hearn road, Jenkins road, up Buxton road to Cousens Store, to Young School, up Garfield and over Tasker; trip 2, 7:45 a. m. Joy Valley, Buxton road, Simpson road to David farm, back Simpson road down Buxton road to schools.

Moreau's Bus 7, trip 1, 7:30 a. m. Buxton road; trip 2, 8:20 a. m., Berry road.

Bus 8—Trip 1, 7:45 a. m., Boothby Park; trip 2, 8:30 a. m., Hill street.

Gonville's Bus 9 — Trip 1, 7:45 a. m., Loudon road, to New County road, Smutty Lane to the Philbrick farm, back to New County, Shadagee road, North street to schools; trip 2, 8:15 a. m. start on Bradley north at Hill street, Maple street to turn around at Shadagee and return to Franklin and to all schools.

Milliken's Bus 4—Trip 1, 7:30 a. m., Upper Lincoln road, Ash Swamp road, Mast Hill, McKenney road to Buxton line, Burnham, back to McKenney, Heath and down Flag Pond over Jenkins and to all schools.

Trip 2, 8:20 a. m., collective pick up at Sweetser School and then to Young School.





**ASSIGNED TO TEACH** in the Opportunity room of the Young school in Saco this year is Mrs. Annabelle Files, Gorham. She has taken advanced study for teaching in the field of handicapped children.



**TEACHER** — Mrs. Stella Turner, Saco, will teach a sixth grade position in the Saco Public Schools, replacing Mrs. Pauline Fisher, who resigned to return to her former position at Old Orchard Beach. The vacancy occurred when Mrs. Phyllis Borden was reassigned to the seventh grade created by the resignation of Lee Aldrich, who has accepted an appointment as principal of the Windham Elementary School. Mrs. Turner attended Farmington State Teachers college and has eight years of experience in Maine schools.

## Frances Mello Named Recipient Of Scholarship

Miss Frances Mello is the recipient of the Saco Teachers' association scholarship. She is attending Gorham State Teachers' college.

The announcement was made at the first fall meeting of the group at the summer home of Miss Elaine White, Hills Beach.

Miss Helen Finn was given a rising vote of thanks for serving a second term as president this year and for her efforts in behalf of the association in the past. She thanked the members and welcomed them for another year to the association. New teachers were presented and welcomed also.

Miss Velma Gibbs, chairman of the executive committee, reported and Mrs. Bertha Russell reported on the leaders' conference at Colby college held this summer. Also attending the session were Miss Geraldine Fenderson, President Finn and Mrs. Martha Herrin.

Collections will take place immediately for a rummage sale planned by the ways and means committee. The date for the fall event will be announced later, it was noted.

The meeting was called to order by Earl Young.

The buffet supper was in charge of the officers and executive board members. A social hour with games and community singing followed.

## Eight New Teachers In Saco Schools Appointed

Eight new teachers have been assigned positions for the school year in the Saco Public schools, which open for the fall term on Wednesday, September 3.

Mrs. Phyllis A. Borden, Saco, will replace Lee Aldrich in a seventh grade class at the Burns school. Mrs. Borden has been teaching for the past two years in Old Orchard Beach and has completed over 20 years of service in Maine schools after attending Washington State Teachers college.

Miss Nancy Tarbox, West Gouldsboro, a graduate of Washington State Teachers college, has been assigned a new sixth grade in the Burns school. Miss Tarbox has been teaching for five years in Pittsfield and Ellsworth.

Mrs. Patricia Roy, Portland, a graduate of the University of

Maine in the class of 1932, will replace Miss Dorothy Jose in a fifth grade in the Burns school. Mrs. Roy has taught in Portland and Orono.

Mrs. Ruby Hannaford, Saco, a former teacher in the Saco schools, who resigned in 1945, has accepted a fifth grade in the Young school. Mrs. Hannaford, who will replace Norman Neil, received her training at Gorham State Teachers college.

Mrs. Althea Carson, Saco, has been assigned to the third grade vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Mildred Hawkes at the Locke school. Mrs. Carson returns to her former position in Saco after an absence of nine years.

Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux, Gorham, a graduate of Gorham State Teachers college, has accepted a second grade position in the Young school, replacing Mrs. Natalie Hamilton. Mrs. Lemieux has taught in Vineyard Haven, Mass., Portland, and Buxton.

Mrs. Annabelle Files, Gorham, will teach in the Opportunity room of the Young school. Mrs. Files is a graduate of the Gorham State Teachers college and has taken special work in the field of the handicapped child. Mrs. Files replaces Mrs. Freda Berry, who resigned to accept a similar position in South Portland.

Albert Searway, Ashland, has accepted the Physical Education vacancy created by the retirement of Hugh Conner. Searway is a graduate of the University of Maine in the class of 1935 and was Physical Education Director and Coach of athletics at Patten academy.



# Saco PTA Members Hear Education Official

Dr. Warren G. Hill, Augusta, commissioner of education for the state of Maine, was the guest speaker at the first fall meeting of the Saco Parent-Teacher association last night in the Burns school cafeteria.

In his talk, "Maine's Schools Today—Their Plans and Hopes for the Future," he pointed out that public interest in education is at an all time high, and because of the new courses and facilities instituted through the state legislature and the state board of education, enrollment is up more than 20 per cent.

Dr. Hill said the supply of adequately trained teachers is short about 500 a year, representing the gap between what is needed and what is being trained. He said that the University of Maine supplies nearly all of the secondary teachers in the state while teachers' colleges provide instructors for elementary schools.

Speaking on increased costs of education and how these are being met, Dr. Hill referred to the Sinclair Act which helps the smaller communities band together for education purposes, and of the im-

provements being made to new school districts enabling them to afford specialized teachers. He also spoke of educational TV as an improvement in school programs. The speaker was introduced by Raymond Hobbins, P. T. A. first vice president.

During the business meeting it was voted to send a delegate to the Maine Conference of Parents and Teachers. It was announced that the October meeting will be a reception for the teachers.

President Mrs. Warren Peterson introduced the chairmen of several committees. These included Mrs. Raymond Carter, chairman of membership, and Mrs. Elliot Fink, membership co-chairman; Mrs. Walter Lumb, Jr., chairman of the room mothers; and Mrs. William Searle, publicity chairman. Further appointments will be announced next month.

The attendance banner was won by Locke school. Refreshments were served by mothers of Bonython school children, Mrs. Carleton Sanborn, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ernest Pendleton, Mrs. Lawrence Stackpole, Jr., Mrs. Alan Sawyer, Mrs. Joseph Lutskus, Mrs. Oliver Stevens, Mrs. Thomas Vining and Mrs. William Searle.

BIDDEFORD, MAINE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17,



EARLY COLLECTION OF DUES preceded the first fall meeting of the Saco Parent-Teacher association last night at the Burns school cafeteria. First in line to pay their dues at the right of the table are, left to right, Mrs. Ernest Pendleton, Mrs. Alan Sawyer, Mrs. Joseph Lutskus, Mrs. Oliver Stevens and Mrs. Carleton Sanborn. Seated

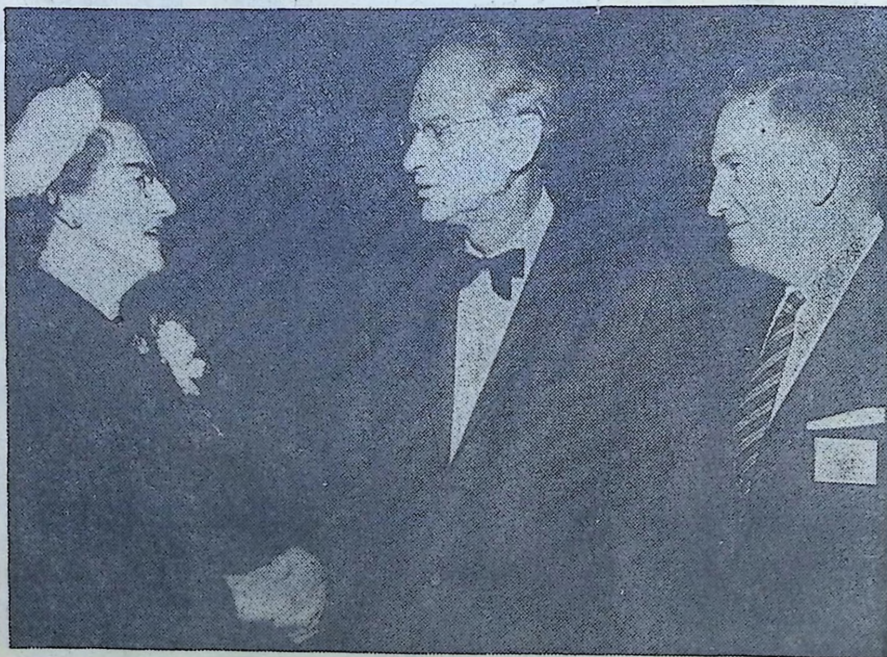
at the left, collecting the dues, are Mrs. Wilfred Hughes and Mrs. Elliot Fink. Standing at left, looking on, are Cecil J. Cutts, superintendent of schools, and Dr. Warren G. Hill, Maine commissioner of education, who was the guest speaker of the evening. Story on page 10.





COMMITTEE MEMBERS of the Saco PTA are shown with Carleton Robbins, principal of the C. K. Burns school, discussing the Saco PTA food sale which will be held Monday at 9 in the Sweetser school, Bonython school, Locke school and Percy's Drug store. The food will be furnished by members of the PTA and the parents

of Saco students. In the photo, left to right, are Mrs. Howard Shaffer, Mrs. Thomas Vining, Robbins, Mrs. William Searle and Mrs. Donald Doyle. Mrs. William Treadwell, Mrs. Gladys Howland and Mrs. Philip Scammon, members of the food sale committee, were absent when the photo was taken.



AS MTA OPENS CONVENTION—The Maine Teachers' Association opened its 56th convention at the new Bangor Auditorium Thursday morning with papers and pencils laid aside for two days of lectures. Prominent at the opening meeting were, left to right, Mrs. Audrey Lewis of Dexter, president of the MTA; Dr. Arthur F. Corey, president of the California State Teachers' Association; and Dr. Warren Hill, Maine's Commissioner of Education. (Staff photo by Maher)

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# Saco Teachers Reception Held



**Saco PTA Honors Teachers**

Left to right are Mrs. Stella Turner, Albert Searway, Mrs. Althea Carson, Mrs. Ruby Hannaford, Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux, Mrs. Patricia Roy, Mrs. Annabella Files, Miss Nancy Tarbox and Mrs. Phyllis Barden. (By Staff Photographer Dexter)

## Saco's Mothers Teache

SACO — The school teachers by the Parent-Teacher association, Tuesday night a reception, held a School on Tasker.

The speaker was J. Cutts who in staff, which include instructors this Myrtis Peterson conducted the m was followed by a

The Rev. The rector of Trinity Church, offered to School mother include Mrs. Wal chairman; Mrs. draws, Locke; Mrs. dleton, Bonython mond Carter, J Clayton Freema Mrs. Carlton Bu "A"; Mrs. Richar

Saco teachers were honored Tuesday evening at the traditional Teachers Reception Night sponsored annually by the Saco Parent-Teacher association. The event took place at the Young school, Saco, with over 350 parents and friends present for the ceremonies.

Guest speaker, was Supt. Cecil B. Cutts who explained the enrichment program begun last year in the Saco school system. Because of the initial success of this plan, it is being continued this year, he noted. He outlined future plans and objectives and asked those interested in a program of adult education to get in touch with him.

The program opened with Rev. Thomas Knox leading the assembly in the PTA prayer. The address of welcome in behalf of the Saco PTA was given by Mrs. Warren Peterson, unit president, who also introduced school board members to the assembly. These were Mrs. Harold Strombom, chairman, Ralph Northway and Walter Lumb, Jr.

**Mothers Introduced**  
The school mothers introduced included Mrs. Walter Lumb, Jr., general chairman; Mrs. Robert Andrews, Locke school; Mrs. Ernest Pendleton, Bonython school; Mrs. Raymond Carter, Jordan school; Mrs. Clayton Freeman, Sweetser school; Mrs. Carleton Butland, Young A division; Mrs. Richard Vose, Young B division; Mrs. Richard Stickney, Burns school annex; Mrs. F. Howard Shaffer, Burns school.

Also presented to the guests and members was Mrs. Leonard Burke, unit magazine chairman.

The presentation of all the teachers and principals of the Saco public schools was made by Supt. Cutts during a special part of the program. This group was greeted by those present first at the formal reception hour and later at the informal session during the social hour after refreshments.

The hospitality chairmen of the evening were Mrs. Ernest G. Whalon and Mrs. Peter Garland.

The attendance banner was awarded to the Locke school during the evening. Presiding was Mrs. Peterson, unit president.



**PLANNING FOR** the teachers' reception sponsored by the Saco Parent-Teacher association are members of the committee, left to right, Mrs. Ernest G. Whalon and Mrs. Peter Garland, co-chairmen, and Mrs. John Bryant, Jr. Another member of the committee, Mrs. William Mac-

kenzie, was absent when the photo was taken. The affair will be held Tuesday evening in the Young school. Superintendent of Schools Cecil Cutts will introduce the various principals, who will in turn present the teaching staffs. Refreshments will be served.



# School Room Mothers Are Announced In Saco

Mrs. Walter Lumb, Jr., chairman of the Saco Room Mothers, will announce the completed list of those serving for the year during a meeting of the Saco Parent-Teacher association tomorrow evening in the Burns school cafeteria at 8 p. m.

The group served as hostesses during open house ceremonies last week and will be in charge of the Valentine parties in their schools. Their annual project is also the Halloween celebrations in the grades.

School and room mothers for this year include: Jordan school, Raymond Carter, school mother, assisted by Mrs. Stephen Polack-wich, Mrs. Robert Foran, Mrs. Fernand Audie, Mrs. Nicholas Gourdouros, Mrs. John Cooper, Mrs. Harry Rosell, Mrs. Stalos Kalagios, Mrs. Lawrence Poulin, Mrs. Roger Gagnon, Mrs. Robert Knox and Mrs. Grace Reny.

Locke school, Mrs. Robert Andrews, school mother, Mrs. Joseph Tryman, Mrs. Wesley Seaward, Mrs. Joseph Kenneally, Mrs. Edward Whelan, Mrs. Stanley Lane.

Bonython school, Mrs. Ernest Pendleton, school mother, Mrs. Eugene Hilt, Mrs. Oliver Stevens, Mrs. William Searle, Mrs. Fred Green, Mrs. Edward Chadbourne, Mrs. Ruth Geary, Mrs. Albert Ouellette, Mrs. Benjamin Currier, Mrs. Lawrence Stackpole, Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Pike and Mrs. Alar Sawyer.

Serving at Sweetser school is Mrs. Clayton Freeman, school mother, assisted by Mrs. Janet Huot, Mrs. Anna Mazurke, Mrs. Pearl Perrault, Mrs. Laura Benoit, Mrs. Harold Cushman, Mrs. Theresa Sparkowich, Mrs. Herbert Estes.

Young school, Section A, Mrs. Marielle Butland, school mother, Mrs. Lawrence Jordan, Jr., Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Ronald Tripp, Mrs. Millard Tripp, Jr., Mrs. Leo Callahan and Mrs. Anthony Colomb.

Young school, Section B, Mrs.

Rita Vose, school mother, with Mrs. Rita Scammon, assistant school mother, assisted by Mrs. William Mackenzie, Mrs. Leo Poitras, Mrs. Rebecca Muslow-ski, Mrs. Louise Pike, Mrs. Stephen Ellis, Mrs. Albert Belan-ger, Mrs. Byron Dolby and Mrs. William Hyland.

At the Burns school is Mrs. F. Howard Shaffer, school mother, with Mrs. Patrick Zello, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. Eleanor Donovan, Mrs. Lloyd Anderson, Mrs. Philip Gross, Mrs. Walter Grace, Mrs. Brendan Twomey, Mrs. Francis Mogan, Mrs. Paul Langelier, Mrs. Israel Rosen, as assistants and at the Burns annex is Mrs. Richard Stickney, school mother, Mrs. Philip Graves, Mrs. Edward Jackson, Mrs. Quigley Davis, Mrs. Donald Doyle, Mrs. Earl Brandt, Mrs. Thomas Win-ston, Mrs. Carleton Pendleton and Mrs. Thomas Vining.

During the meeting the membership committee for the year will also collect dues, it was announced.

Teachers, take note—Mrs. Viola L. Campbell, who dedicated many years to teaching in the local schools, was greeted by friends here recently. She is now residing in Haverhill, Mass., not too far from the Whittier birthplace, we discovered. . . . Another Saco teacher who paid a visit to Mrs. Phyllis Sanborn this summer was Miss Alice Edgecomb, now a faculty member in Lexington, Mass. Alice has a car and is new at driving but she is mastering it, it is reported. She was inquiring for many local people who lived at the Fred Morgan residence in Saco when she did. . . . Glad that Mrs. Freda Berry has gone on to her new position but sorry for ourselves, aren't we? She has accomplished remarkable work with the opportunity class at the Young school in Saco during her term there and now she will bring the same dedication to work with her new children.

A little girl in the first grade has turned out to be the aunt of two other children in the same building.

The aunt is Linda Townsend, a first grader at Sweetser school in Saco. Her niece is Claudia Brooks, who is in the third grade at the same school, and her nephew is Carl Nelson, Jr., who is enrolled in the junior primary section at Sweetser school also.

Can you top this?



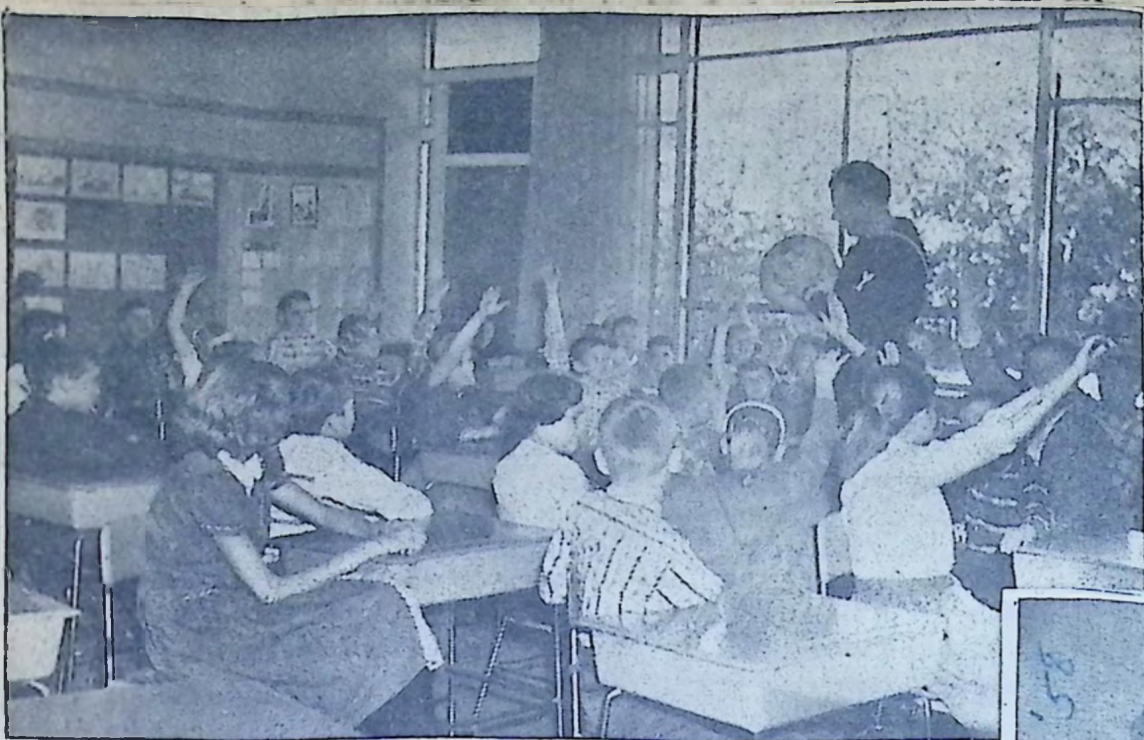
INTRODUCED AT Saco Parent-Teacher Association. School room mothers at the meeting include, left to right: Young school, A section; Burns school annex; Jordan school; Mrs.



PUPILS OF Grades 1, 2 and 3 of the "A" section of Young school, Saco, were entertained at a Halloween party yesterday. Hostesses for the fete were the Saco P. T. A. Room Mothers. Games and a masquerade party were featured on the program for the youngsters and refreshments followed in charge of the Room Mothers. Also attending the party was Muriel Butland, Young school Mother. The Halloween party is one of

the annual projects sponsored by the Mothers group during the year. Pictured are the happy youngsters, who refused to reveal their true identities, with their Room Mothers, left to right, Mrs. Roberta Jordau, Mrs. Millard Tripp, Jr., and Mrs. John B. Murphy. The teacher, Miss Sara Emmons, was also a guest along with her pupils.





**LEARNING** first-hand information yesterday about the Nautilus, an American atomic submarine that made a trip under the ice cap at the North Pole this year and made history for the Navy, were these pupils at the Young school in Saco. Navyman John Pendleton, Saco, a member of the submarine crew, lectured to pupils of the fourth and fifth grades taught by Miss Sarah Haines and Mrs. Ruby Hannaford. Enthusiasm

and interest ran high as raised youngsters indicate they wanted and more about the subject. Pendleton of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Pendleton Saco, and graduated from Thor. He joined the Navy in 1952 and sail on the Nautilus for its historic first class electrician's mate in the



**ASTRONOMY** WAS THE SUBJECT for special study yesterday at Burns school, Saco, in the seventh grade in connection with the science course. Addressing the pupils was Rev. Norman Langmaid of the Saco School Street Methodist church. He lectured on the planets and the telescope and gave demonstrations at the close of

the lecture. A question and answer period followed. Examining the telescope with Rev. Mr. Langmaid are students Karen Sheehan, Wayne Stewart, Stephen Robinson, Roger Forest, Janie Silcox. Presenting class greetings and the class "thank you" was Mrs. Phyllis Borden, seventh grade teacher, shown in the background.



**PRINCIPALS** AT the first fall meeting of Iota chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, last night at Valle's Inn, Dunstan, are, left to right, Miss Geraldine Fenderson, Saco, president of the local chapter; Miss Mabel A. Hastie, Farmington, state president, who was the guest speaker; Miss

Dora L. Small, South Portland, founder of Iota chapter, who initiated the new members; and Mrs. Erna Croxford, Saco, program chairman. Members of Beta chapter, Portland, were guests and five new members were initiated.





IN OBSERVANCE of American Education Week, several activities have been planned by the Saco schools. Among them, window displays have been arranged in Saco business establishments. One such display pictured here is an exhibit of Maine products being arranged by Miss Velma Gibbs in the window at Percy's Drug store. Looking on at right are Esther Robinson and John Soucy, students in the eighth grade at the C. K. Burns school. Other displays include an industrial arts exhibit by Charles Clark, and a

science exhibit by Donald Libby in Atkinson's window, and a display of the work of the Burns school home economics department arranged by Mrs. Esther Emmons in the window at the First National store. Open house dates in the Saco schools include Monday, November 10, from 7 to 9 p. m. at the Locke, Jordan, Bonython, Sweetser and Young schools, and Wednesday, November 12 from 7 to 9 p. m. at the C. K. Burns school, when all parents and friends have been invited to visit.

## Saco Schools Hosts At Open House This Evening

In observance of American Education week, open house will be held tonight from 7 to 9 by the following schools, Locke, Jordan, Bonython, Sweetser and Young.

On display in the classrooms will be samples of work done by the pupils, as well as textbooks, audio-visual aids and other equipment. At Bonython there will be science exhibits, health projects, Indian villages and creative writing reports, while at Jordan there will be a display of rhythm instruments motivated by the television course made possible by the P. T. A. At Sweetser school there will be a dinosaur display, and in his classroom, from 7 to 8 p. m. Michael Martel will speak on dinosaurs. At Locke school, displays of work in the various classroom projects will be exhibited.

At the Young school, a puppet stage with one-act plays correlated with social studies projects will be presented by students of Miss Annabel Files' special class. In B-Section there will be dis-

plays of paintings with planets and space as the theme, also several murals made by the students.

In A-section, the parents will be greeted again this year by portraits of themselves as they visit the school. There will also be displays of work by students in the Thanksgiving, Indian and Pioneer theme.

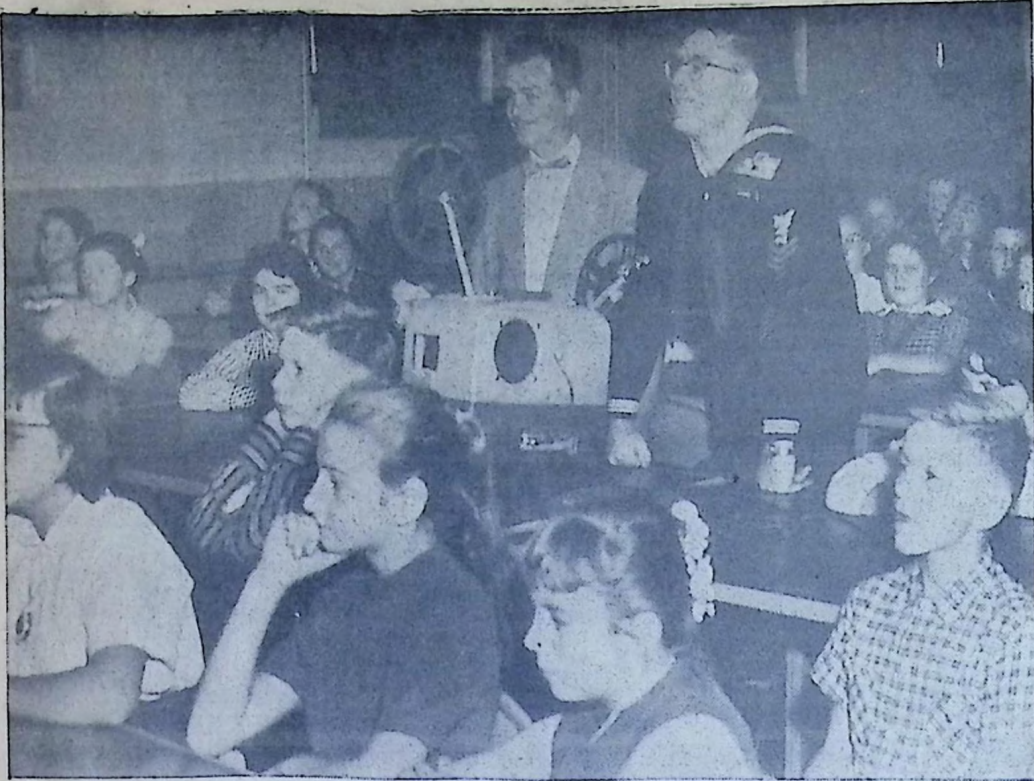
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MAKING COOKIES for the refreshments to be served during the open house programs in the Saco schools in observance of American Education Week, are these girls in the home economics class at the C. K. Burns school. The class is under the supervision of Mrs. Esther Emmons, and included in the picture are Theresa Glass, Pat Panteleakos, Debbie Hamilton, Janet Tracy, Judy Timmons, Elaine Deschambeault, Rita Dussault,

Nancy Parent, Betty MacDonald, Barbara LaPlante, Louise Bertrand, Priscilla Dussault, Phyllis Dumas, Ruth Grace and Doris Pelkey. Open house at the Burns school will be held Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 with the usual display of notebooks and work by the students, as well as gifts made by the pupils as Christmas suggestions.





A GOVERNMENT FILM, "Self Preservation In An Atomic Attack," was shown yesterday afternoon for Grades 6, 7 and 8 at the C. K. Burns school, Saco. Pictured here is a part of the seventh grade group witnessing the film shown by

DC1 Harold Riddle, local Navy recruiter, right, assisted by Earle Young, left, assistant principal at the school. The film, which shows what to do in the event of an atomic attack, is available for all school or civic groups by contacting Riddle.

## Saco Schools Will Observe Education Week

The Saco School committee, in yesterday's meeting, passed a resolution urging parents to attend the American Education Week Open House visitation in the local schools. The observance will be held Monday and Wednesday.

The committee tabled action on recent bids on fluorescent lighting until 10:30 Monday morning. On other action, the committee voted to secure bids on compartment trays for the school lunch program, ordered the installation of an additional step on the front stairway of the Bonython school and authorized the superintendent of schools to apply for any available allocation of funds under Public Law 874.

Continuing a discussion of the September meeting, the committee decided to survey the city relative to the needs of a possible adult educational program.



ON TV PROGRAM—Leslie Anderson, right, and Robert Polackwich, Grade 6 students at the C. K. Burns school, Saco, along with their teacher, Miss Sylvia Johnson, will participate on the Agnes Gibbs television program on Thursday as part of the American Education Week observance being carried on by the Saco schools. Miss Johnson will discuss her French class, and there will be some French conversation. Open house at the Burns school will be held tonight from 7 to 9, with refreshments being served and work done by the students on display. Included in the refreshments will be the cookies made by girls in Mrs. Esther Emmons' home economics class.

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## Predicts Promising Future For Schools And Teachers

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his interest throughout his talk in the consolidated school where the teacher and the pupil would benefit from being a part of a large enterprise. Here he felt the teacher will teach the subject which she was trained to teach and not have to take on subjects unrelated to the major training of the teacher.

"The first and paramount objective of Maine's teachers continues to be the welfare of the state's children," Commissioner Hill declared as he spoke on salaries. He predicted that salaries will rise as new districts are formed and resources are made available; as new schools are built and new programs initiated; as teachers raise their levels of preparation and lastly because of the law of supply and demand.

With these factors facing the citizens, Dr. Hill felt that the people will demand the best teachers they can secure. "I contend," he said, "that there are better days ahead for Maine's schools, Maine's teachers, and the state.

gor during 1959 when the city will be observing its 125th anniversary.

Dr. Frederick W. Whittaker, president of Bangor Theological Seminary, offered the invocation.

Mrs. Lewis announced that the Institute of Science will be held at the new Auditorium this morning instead of at City Hall as previously announced.

The state president commended the Teachers' Club of Union 62 and the Southern Arrostook Teachers' Club for already achieving 100 per cent membership in the MTA and the NEA and urged other clubs to follow their lead.

Mrs. Lewis introduced among other guests Miss Miriam Moody, president-elect of the MTA.





SACO SCHOOLS were hosts Monday evening to parents and visitors in Open House ceremonies in conjunction with American Education Week. Samples of work done by pupils included exhibits of art work, science projects, health facts, social studies, painting displays with planets and space as the theme, a dinosaur study and the Thanksgiving and pioneer displays. Schools participating in the ceremonies were Locke, Jordan, Bonython, Sweetser and Young. A scene in Mrs. Gertrude Clark's Grade 4 at Bonython school shows, left to

right, Mrs. Clark discussing classroom work with Mr. and Mrs. William C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lord and Mrs. Walter Smart. The science subject developed for display was living and non-living things. To evaluate the project, each student did research work on one phase, gave a demonstration, wrote a report and correlated the study with work in the language section. Other demonstrations of class projects were exhibited and work books were on display for examination.

## Nearly 1,300 At Open House Program Of Schools In Saco

Nearly 1,300 parents and friends attended the open house programs at six Saco schools Monday night in observance of American Education Week. At Locke school, where 259 registered, the parents viewed the various exhibits of the children's work and met with the teachers in their respective rooms. At Bonython, science exhibits were on display, also a health project by the second grade students, an Indian village by the third grade pupils, and creative writing reports were displayed in the fourth grade. There were 232 registered

this day of nuclear weapons and technological progress could mean the end to the way of life which we have taken for granted. "In the matter of education, we have not made the progress which our potential enemy, Russia, has made. Too many of our youth are attracted by the glamor of an automobile, the glamour of right life, to appreciate the importance of education until it is too late. "In Soviet Russia, its symbol is a sleeping bear—the bear that has driven back all conquerors by his





THE EDUCATIONAL USE of television in the Saco schools is a program sponsored by the Saco Parent-Teacher association. The cost of the TV for the schools is defrayed from P. T. A. membership dues and the set is installed and serviced by a local agency. At the Jordan school, shown here, educational programs for the primary grades are viewed Tuesdays and on Thursdays a program for the intermediate grades is watched. The group photoed have been viewing a musical education program on WMTW. Many of the students have made and learned to use rhythm instruments suggested by the TV

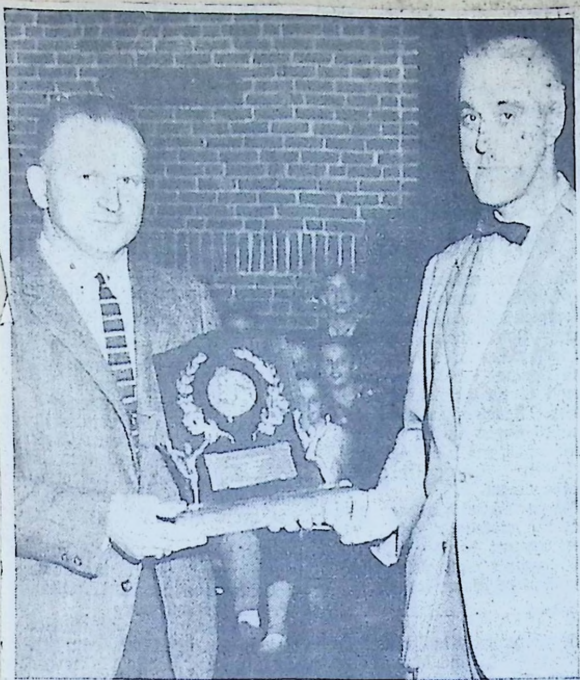
teacher and program director. Demonstrating their music progress is the class pictured here, including front row, left to right, Katina Kalagias, Patty Keefe, Jan Audet, Wayne Macomber, the accompanist, Sharon Doucette, Barry Desrochers and James Williams. Standing, Gregory Searle, Kurt Russell, Stephen Doyle, Samuel Coffin, Deborah Harriman, Bruce Stackpole, Jane Deane and Michael Hatt. Membership dues collected at the November 18 meeting of the Saco P. T. A. in the Burns school cafeteria will be channeled to this educational project, it was announced today.



A PROGRAM on Alaska, the newest state in the Union, was presented to pupils of the Locke school, Saco, by Mrs. Robert LaFond on Wednesday. Mrs. LaFond exhibited slides from her personal collection chosen while she was living in Whitehorse. She also displayed Alaskan souvenirs to the group. The program correlated the country now being studied by the pupils. In the

photo are some of the children who learned interesting facts about the newest state including, left to right, Margaret LaFond, daughter of the lecturer and a Grade 2 pupil; Dean Wolfahrt, Grade 1; Diane and Billie Bowie, Grade 3; Joan Fink, Grade 1; Bethany Hanson, Grade 2; Ronald Scamman and Maureen Crowley, Junior Primary pupils.





**RECEIVES AWARD**—Joe Regina, Old Orchard Beach High school football coach, accepts the State Class C championship award for the team yesterday, which is being presented by Leon Jones, Old Orchard Beach, the first football coach at the high school. Regina, in turn, presented the award to Principal Herbert Bean for the school's trophy case.



**ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS**—The elementary Principals' Association held a luncheon meeting Thursday at the Bangor house. Head table guests were, left to right, Lila Skolfield of South Harpswell, Jean Clark of Saco, J. Wilfrid Morin of Livermore Falls, Dr. Thomas L. Hopkins of Cape Cod, Mass., and Howard Bowen of Hallowell. (Staff photo by Maher)



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**SHARING THEIR GIFTS** this year with Carol Manning at a local hospital in the true Christmas spirit are these members of the Saco Brownies, Troop 12. The Blue Birds and the Busy Brownies joined Troop 12 in the project also. Pictured at a troop meeting yesterday in the Saco Unitarian church as they collected the gifts for Carol were,

ice Hawkins. Second row, left to right, Linda Rumcay, June Burnham, Jean Hilt, Debbie White, Michelle Fecteau, Linda Howland and Della Jeffery. Third row, leaders, Mrs. Ernest Pendleton and Mrs. Eugene Hilt. Back row, Sally Misowski, Diane Harvey, Lana LaPlante, Nancy Bowie, Pamela Pendleton, Lorene Fecteau and Carolyn Lord.



**CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS** of Mexico and Holland were featured yesterday at the holiday party of pupils in the "A" section of the Young school in Saco. Breaking the pinata bag, a Mexican custom, are these blindfolded girls including, left to right, Marsha Grondin, Beverly Simpson, Donna Bolavert, Barbara Blunt, Jean Hazelton

and Bonnie Whitten. Another group took part during the Yule fete in the Dutch custom of wrapping a gift several times, passing it along with each pupil taking off one wrapping and the gift going to the one removing the last wrapping. Refreshments were served after the games and social hour to the children.





### **Maine Tree For Rockefeller Plaza**

This 64-foot white spruce starts its journey Friday to New York where it will be set in Rockefeller Plaza and decked with lights to be turned on Dec. 11 by Gov. Edmund S. Muskie. It was cut Thursday on the farm of Carl Ireland, East Madison, before an

audience of state officials. It was provided with a state police escort as it traveled through Maine and was inspected by Gov. Muskie as it passed through Augusta. (Waterville Sentinel Photo)



SHOVELING snow is nothing to grumble about, at least when you're five years old like these three boys. Handling man-sized shovels of the snow yesterday as they cleared the grounds at home at 30 Cross street in Saco are Blake and Bruce Lambert, twin sons of Sgt. 1-C and Mrs. Kelvin Lambert. In the background is young

David (Bimbo) Gaines, their playmate and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gaines, 28 Cross street, Saco. Shucks, who needs mittens for a job like this? Not these lads as you notice in the photo. The boys kept busy and showed Sgt. Lambert their work when he arrived home from the Saco Army Reserve center, where he is now stationed.





AFTER SERVING as organist and choir director of the School Street Methodist church, Saco, for four years, Mariam B. Grant concluded her service to the church at the morning worship service last Sunday. This week she and her family will be moving to Greenville, S. C. The photo shows her surrounded by the combined choirs of the church: the Childrens, Youth and Senior. From left, to right, the choir members are, front row, Sharon Seaward, Aleana Morris, Gail Jewell, Ricky Prokey, Joyce Rumery, Rosemarie Robinson, Virginia Randall, Linda Rumery, Ruth Mitchell, and Donald Prokey. Second row, Linda Harris, Patricia Henderson, June Sea-

ward, Ted Henderson, Gayle Andrews, Esther Robinson, June Allen, Christine Clarke, Cathy Clarke, Shirley Gaumont, and Linda Robinson. Third row, Phyllis Borden, Wilma Griffith, Stephanie Butler, Mariam Grant, Kathryn Grant, Mrs. Norman Langmaid, Rev. Norman Langmaid, Sidney Griffith, Oliver Stevens, Jeffrey Griffith and Leighton Grant, Sr. The following choir members were absent when the picture was taken: Kathy Andrews, Joyce and Jay Stevens, Nena Strombom, Carolyn Andrews, Gloria Allen, and Patricia Norrad. (Photo by Lawrence Grant)



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**SORTING ARTICLES** for the annual rummage sale to take place Saturday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. in the G. A. R. hall, Cutts avenue, Saco, are these members of the Saco Teachers association, sponsors of the event. Left to right, Mrs. Madeline Davis, Mrs. Ila Russell and Miss Vel-

ma Gibbs, chairman. In the foreground are items donated by the woodworking class at Burns school, where all articles are being collected. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the scholarship fund, benefitting a Thornton academy senior planning to enter the teaching profession.



**REHEARSING** for a performance to be given at Pineland on Sunday are these pupils of the Ruben School of the Dance. Front row, on the floor, Charles Rosen, Matthew Ruben and Robert Fournier. Second row, seated, left to right, Carol Bineau, June Allen, Pamela Condon, Joan Nadeau, Joan Bass, Rozanna Patane, Cathy Maling. Standing Linda Simard, Therese Chre-

tien, Barbara Burnham, Elaine Goulet, Gail Dansereau, Leslie Lawrence, Abbie Tryman, Arlene Tate, Candy Lawrence, Miss Jane Dansereau, assistant, and Mrs. Gladys Ruben, dance instructor. This will be the third entertainment program to be presented by the school for the inmates of Pineland, and about 40 students will participate.



## 2/4 Saco School Committee Elects Lumb Chairman

Walter R. Lumb, Jr., was elected chairman of the Saco Superintending School committee for 1959 at a meeting last night in the office of Supt. of Schools Cecil J. Cutts in Saco City hall building.

The following appointments for the coming year were made by the committee: School physician, Dr. Maurice Ross; truant officer, Raymond Kerry; cafeteria-home economics advisor, Mrs. Irving Chelder; repairs advisor, Joseph Grondin, and conveyance advisor, Walter R. Lumb, Jr.

Preliminary committee work was begun on the 1959 school budget with the first draft to be presented at a meeting of the committee February 17.

A pre-school survey of children eligible to enter school next year was authorized to be taken by property tax interviewers in April. The survey will attempt to determine how many children in Saco will be five years old before October 15 this year and thus eligible to enter the Saco Public schools next year.

The appointment of Sidney Griffith as director of the adult educational courses was confirmed.

It was voted to hold regular meetings the first Monday of every month with a closing time of 10.30 p. m.



THREE SACO RESIDENTS whose candidacies for membership on the Saco superintending school committee have been endorsed by the Republicans are, seated, Mrs. Sylvia Chelder; standing, left to right, Walter R. Lumb, Jr., and Joseph Grondin. Mrs. Chelder is the three-year term candidate. Lumb and Grondin have been nominated for two and one-year terms, respectively.

## Saco Schools<sup>2/10</sup> Are Observing Hot Lunch Week

Hot Lunch week is being celebrated in Maine school this week. These noon meals, planned to give school children 1/3 of their daily food requirements, are a popular program of the Saco school system.

A constant growth in the number of Saco school children taking these hot lunches has been reported over the past few years.

Mrs. Beatrice Hobbs is the supervisor of the Saco school lunch program, which serves 535 lunches daily. She plans balanced meals for the children and is assisted in preparing and serving the food by Mrs. Clifford Wendelken, Mrs. Joseph Desrochers, and Mrs. Dorothy Perkins.

Boys and girls from the seventh and eighth grades at Burns school assist in the cafeteria. They report 20 minutes before serving time. Five girls and two boys have specific duties in the cafeteria. In addition to having their own meals, and serving, they aid in cleaning the cafeteria after the lunch periods.

A typical daily menu in the Saco schools consists of a serving of meat, fish or meat substitute, two vegetables, one usually raw, bread or rolls with butter, fruit, or dessert, and one-half pint of pasteurized milk. Mrs. Hobbs feels that this gives the school children a balanced nutritious meal.

Not only is the hot lunch prepared and served at Burns school, but it is prepared and transported to Locke, Jordan, Bonython, Sweetser, and Young schools so all students in the Saco school system can have the benefit of a hot lunch at noontime.

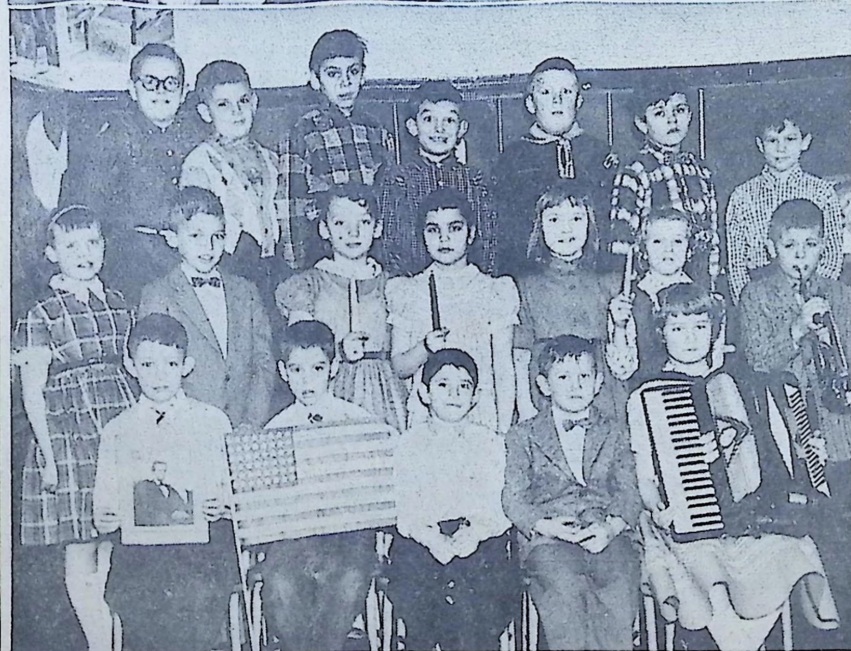
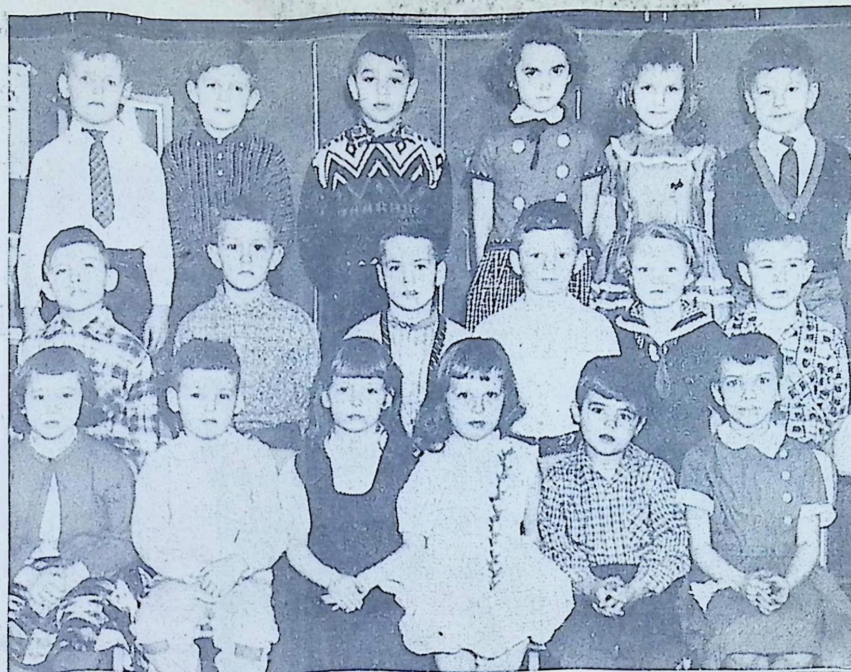


STUDYING WHAT TOYS are available for children in local stores at different age levels were these students of Grade 7, Room 5, from C. K. Burns school, Saco. The field trip to Wellwood's variety store yesterday was under the direction of Mrs. Esther Emmons, the home economics instructor, and a student teacher, Miss Alola Griffin from the University of Maine. The extra-

curricular project was part of the home economics class work, "Fun With Children." Among the group pictured are Peggy Burke, Beth Hudson, Wendy Stackpole, Jean Marston, Donna Kirby, Kristi Anterson, Mary Patrick, Carol Denton, Joyce Peck, Nancy Lee Rowe, Nena Strombom, Pamela Norrad, Janice Sylvester, Margaret Grant, Laura Philbrick, Nancy Choroszy, Mrs. Emmons and Miss Griffin.



# Bonython School Pupils Observe Lincoln's Birthday



**PRESENTING LINCOLN DAY** programs yesterday at the Bonython school, Saco, were pupils of the Jordan and Bonython schools. In the top photo is pictured a group of Jordan school pupils, including, left to right, front row, Pamela Clement, Stephen Doyle, Lee Ann Leavitt, Linda Cloutier, Joseph Blunt and Gayle McAlevy. Second row, Robert Vail, Stanley Wojcik, David Walton, David McCrum, Joyce Carter and Wayne Macomber. Third row, Samuel Coffin, James Wil-

liams, Peter Mournouras, Mary Kerry, Deborah Harriman, Gregory Searle. In the lower photo are Bonython school students including, left to right, front row, Dwight Edgecomb, Jay Stevens, Robert Kennedy, Alan Polackewich and Sheila Beardslee. Second row, Nancy Bowie, Lee Desrochers, Susan Carrier, Marjorie Cote, Gail Crapser, Tina Clement, Glenn Goggin. Third row, Stephen Boothby, Thomas Colpitts, Theodore Terlalis, Theodore Scontras, Derrick Moore, Wayne Whitney and Christopher Denton.

The 150th birthday of Abraham Lincoln was celebrated yesterday with a special program at the Bonython school, Saco. Taking part were pupils of both Jordan and Bonython schools.

Stephen Boothby, a fourth grader at Bonython, served as announcer and ushers for the day were Nancy Bowie and Lee Desrochers. During the exercises special birthday greetings were presented to Stephen by those present in honor of his own birthday yesterday.

The program included songs and recitations with individual and group presentations. It included:

Mrs. Louise McCarn's second grade from Jordan school, singing "Keeping His Birthday"; recitation, "Abraham Lincoln," Stanley Wojcik; recitation, "On Lincoln's Birthday," James Williams, David McCrum.

Miss Helen Finn's first grade from Jordan school, presenting Lincoln's life in song and story. Special parts, Gayle McAlevy, Stephen Doyle, Linda Cloutier, Samuel Coffin, Petro Mourmouras, Joyce Carter, David Walton, Mary Kerry, Robert Vail, Gregory Searle, Pamela Clement.

Mrs. Mary Chenard's first grade from Jordan, singing "America's Beautiful Flag"; "A Lincoln Day Exercise," Lee Ann Leavitt, Wayne Macomber, Joseph Blunt, Deborah Harriman; song, "Our Flag Colors."

Grade 2—Miss Irene Anagnostis class— Song, "Honest Abe"; "Lincoln, the School Boy," Gail Crapser, Robert Kennedy, Alan Polackewich, Christopher Denton; song, "Grand Old Flag," solo, by Jay Stevens.

Miss Charlotte O'Leary's grade 3 sang "Making History," recitation, "We'll Not Forget You," Wayne Whitney; accordion solo, "Marine's Hymn," Sheila Beardslee; trumpet solo, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Glenn Goggin.

Mrs. Gertrude Clark's grade 4, Bonython, sang "Spelling Lincoln," Robert Irish, Dianna Galipeau, Barbara Emmons, Susan Stickney, Pamela Pendleton, Jane Parker, Richard Smith; exercise, "Honest Abe," Teddy Scontras, Teddy Terlalis, Derrick Moore; song, "Washington and Lincoln," class.

The third grade from Mrs. Phyllis Sanborn's room sang "Young Abe Lincoln," poem, "Heroes," Dwight Edgecomb; "Three Candles," Tina Clement, Susan Carrier and Marjorie Cote. Miss Geraldine Fenderson's fourth grade, Bonython school, sang, "Honoring Lincoln," class; "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," class; song, John Philip Souza's "Stars and Stripes Forever."



# Thornton FTA To Visit Classes

Members of the Future Teachers of America at Thornton academy will enter the Saco public schools next Monday to act as teachers' aids and observe the practice of teaching by qualified instructors.

Twenty-seven members of the association have been assigned to classes in the public schools by Miss Velma Gibbs, co-ordinator of the program, and Sidney Griffith who has charge of the association at Thornton academy.

The students will start their duties after classes at Thornton and will assist for 12 weeks, broken into two six week sessions.

This is the third year that the program has been in operation in Saco, Miss Gibbs said, and it allows the students to watch a classroom in action, and better gauge whether a teaching career might be attractive.

The students and the classes to which they have been assigned follows: Donna Deasey, fourth grade, Miss Haines, Young school; Larry Armitage, sixth grade, Miss Tarbox, Burns annex; Max Brandt, eighth grade, Miss Gibbs, Burns annex; Jean Shinner, Mrs. Emmons, home economics, Burns annex; Cynthia Pendleton, Miss O'Leary, third grade, Bonython; Mary McEnery, Junior primary, Miss Hussey, Locke school.

Stephanie Koutoulakos, fifth grade, Mrs. Herrin, Burns annex; Pat Turner, fourth grade, Mrs. Roy, Burns annex; Susan Nannery, second grade, Miss Agnostis, Bonython; Pauline Derosiers, third grade, Mrs. Hartford, Young school; Bryce Milne, sixth grade, Mrs. Thompson, Young school; Ted Beane, industrial arts, Mr. Clark, Burns annex.

Daphne Victor, first grade Mrs. Chenard, Jordan school; Jane Ferderson, grade 2, Mrs. Ingalls, Young school; Susan Gibson, grade 1, Miss Emmons, Young school; Kathryn Curtis, grade 2, Mrs. McCarn, Jordan; Anne Koutoulakos, grade 1, Mrs. Mrs. Croxford, Locke; Ruth Lane, Junior primary, Mrs. Hill, Jordai.; Mary Lou Bedard, grade 2, Mrs. Davis, Locke school.

Barbara Warren, grade 4, Mrs. Rogers, Burns annex; Carol Deans, grade 6, Mrs. Wood, Burns annex; Ellen Haas, grade 6, Mrs. Turner, Burns annex; Linda Morancy, grade 5, Mrs. Roy, Young school; Stuart Ruben, grade 5, Miss Fanning, Young school; Elizabeth Jordan, grade 5, Mrs. Hannaford, Young school, and Edward LeBlanc, grade 4, Mrs. Armstrong, Young school.

## PTA In Saco Hears Johnson

Philip Johnson, of Nasson College, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Saco Parent-Teacher association last night in Burns school cafeteria. Johnson, who is currently the state chairman of educational television, spoke on the present educational programs on TV, and outlined the future plans for educational television in Maine, in conjunction with the Portland and Bangor commercial television stations. Books and instruments used by the various schools participating in the musical programs on the educational television stations, were on display.

During the business meeting, conducted by President Mrs. Warren Peterson, the nominating committee, as appointed by the executive committee, was named and includes Thomas Winston, Mrs. Philip Scammon and Mrs. Margaret Emmons. It was announced that Harvey Lamontagne, Jr. has been appointed safety

chairman for the group. Those attending were also reminded of the registration being held to night for the adult evening classes at Thornton academy.

**Schedule Changed**  
The study and discussion group entitled, "The Child At Home And At School," sponsored by the PTA, will take place on Thursday, March 5 from 1:30 to 3 p. m. at the Women's E. and I. Union, Hamilton Memorial, instead of Thursday, February 19, as previously announced. All parents may attend to discuss their problems with competent leaders.

Members have also been invited to attend a meeting regarding retarded children to be held on February 26 at the Saco American Legion home, when Mrs. Austin Pride, of the Pride Training school, will be present to discuss her work and to assist parents with their problems. President Mrs. Peterson thanked

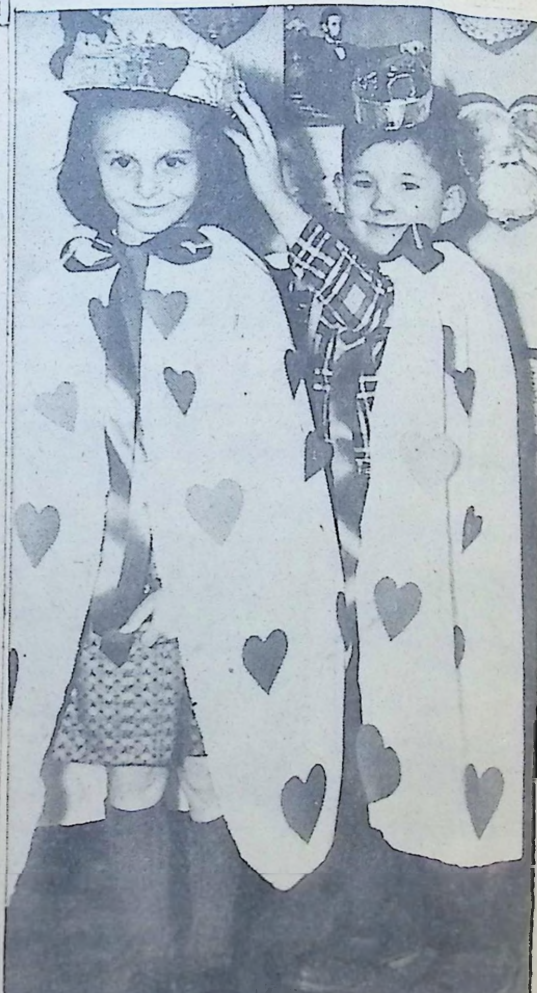
school officials and Mrs. Hobbs for inviting the PTA members to a noon hot lunch during Hot Lunch Week. The attendance banner was awarded to Locke school.

The PTA prayer was offered by Rabbi Boris Gottlieb, who had been scheduled for the April meeting, in place of Rev. Henry Sims, who was reported ill. Refreshments were served by mothers of pupils in the "A" section of the Young school, Mrs. Mary Butland, chairman.

The next meeting will be held on March 17 at the Young school. A meeting of the executive board is scheduled to take place March 11 at the home of Mrs. Elliot Fink.



THIS SCENE will be reenacted many times on February 22, as volunteer workers in Saco canvass their respective areas in a house-to-house campaign for the benefit of the 1959 Maine Heart Fund drive. A "kick-off" contribution is being made by Mrs. Cecil J. Cutts, right, at her North street home, to Mrs. Peter Garland, left, one of the volunteer collectors in Ward 1. Story on page 4



SELECTED as King and Queen of the second grade yesterday Young school, Saco, were this royal couple. Crowned here. On the act of being crowned is Queen Shirley Colomb, daughter of Mrs. Anthony Colomb, Roebuck avenue, Saco. Officiating royal exercises for his queen is King Lysle Burrows, son of Mrs. Frank H. Burrows, Buxton road, Saco. Court festival followed with the entire class participating in the classroom. They are in Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux's room at the Saco school



# Burns School Gives Concert

The C. K. Burns school band of Saco presented a concert Wednesday afternoon to the pupils of the Young school, Saco, under the direction of Bandmaster Donald H. Libby.

During the program three students among the audience were chosen to lead the band. They were David Burgess, a fourth grader, Suzanne Coney, a first-grader, and Stephen Boucouvalas, a third-grader, all of Young school.

The program included the Promotion March, "On the Hike," "Sunset Waltz" and "Cathedral Hour." Next came "Tom Doo-ley," the "Starter March" and "In a Canoe." Other selections included a majorette presentation to "Flyer March," "Blue Moon" and the "Chipmunk Song." The finale was an activity number for those present.

Playing in the clarinet section were Lawrence Bowie, Dale Hansen, Stephen Lord, Duncan Moore, Gayle Adrews, Georgia Burrows, Patty Magnan, Robert Reny, Larry Green, William Searle, Stephen Ellis, Donna Kirkby, Linda Carver, Marilyn Chelider and David Kosloff.

## Trumpet Players

On the trumpets were Roger Legako, Terrence Philbrick, David Sewall, Stephen Garland, John LaFond, David Potter, Frank Goodwin, Raymond Chennard, Robert Parslow, Robert Hanson, Wayne Nason, Richard Racicot, John Bright, James Corriveau, Roger Miles, Curtis Scammon, Russell Pike, Arnold Ladd, Beverly Rouillard, Joan Nason.

On the baritone horns were Paul Brown and Philip Saperia and on the Eb horn, Dianne Rice and Karlene Ice.

In the saxophone section were Thomas Vining, Susan Lumb, Judy Cole, Matthew Ruben and



Jay Sneider.

On the trombone was Bruce Shaffer and on the cymbals Jeffrey Foster. On the alokenspiel was Linda Soucy and at the drums were John Soucy, Keith Nuan, David Grover and Rob-

ert Skidgel.

The majorette drill was presented by Joyce Rich, head majorette, Cynthia Warren, Margaret Bell, Jane Foran, Lois Cuhrier, Joan Sullivan, Judy Coburn, Linda Zello and Jo Ann Davis.

PRESENTING A CONCERT Wednesday afternoon for the pupils of the Young school, Saco, were these musicians of the C. K. Burns school band. The varied program included marches, waltzes and current popular favorites. Chosen as student directors of the band during one part of the concert hour were Stephen (Red) Boucouvalas, Grade 3; Suzanne Coney, Grade 1, and David Burgess, Grade 4. The band director was Donald Libby, a member of the faculty of Burns school.

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PLANNING "house rules" and other details prior to the official opening to take place Friday, is this group of young people and their director at The Kennebunks Youth Center, with temporary headquarters at the Webhannet clubhouse, Kennebunk. Pictured, left to right, David Clark, Ken-

nebunk Junior High school; Suzanne Budd, Kennebunk High school; William Bogas, Saco, director; Kathy Towne, Alice Burr, Paula Genthner, Paula Noyes and Peter Graham, all Kennebunk Junior High students.





THE ANNUAL Sweetser speaking contest for pupils of the Eighth Grade took place last night at the Burns school, Saco. Those taking part were, front row, left to right, Lawrence Bowle, Bruce Shaffer and Richard Gove. Second row,

Elaine Deschambeault, Sharon Staples and Carol Begley. Third row, Lois Currier, Nancy Parent, Judy Maguire. Fourth row, Linda Hill and Eunice Walker. Absent because of illness was Joan Sullivan.

## Garland

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cluding Miss Sylvia Johnson and Mrs. Althea Carson, co-chairmen, assisted by Miss Ruth Hussey, Mrs. Erma Croxford, Mrs. Esther Emmons, Mrs. Charles Clark and William Bogas. Serving the supper were members of the E and L club of the Saco School street Methodist church.

Invited guests for the evening were Mayor and Mrs. Garland, Supt. and Mrs. Cutts, and members of the Saco school committee including Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lumb, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grondin, Mrs. Irving Chelder.

An invitation was read for the Teacher Education and Professional Standards Regional conference at Scarborough High school on April 7. The meeting will also include teachers from York, Cumberland and Sagadahoc counties, it was announced.

The guest speaker was Adelbert Jakeman, Sr., Ocean Park, who lectured on "Education for Defense." He was introduced by Miss Finn.

## Saco PTA Holds Father's Night

"Fathers' Night" was observed at the monthly meeting of Saco Parent-Teacher association last night at the Young school, when the guest speaker was William H. Soule, superintendent of schools in Portland. His topic was "The Work of the P. T. A. As I See It."

He reviewed the P. T. A. policy as outlined in the manual, and reminded members of the following points: 1. P. T. A. is not a fund-raising group; 2. P. T. A. is not a social group, and 3. P. T. A. is not a group for mass complaints between the teacher and the parent, but is primarily a means for exchange of ideas about children, and to help the parents learn about what goes on in the schools. He stressed that the schools need well organized, strong, articulate P. T. A. groups ready to stand up and speak for the schools and the children. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Robert Warner.

### Goal Nearly Reached

The business meeting was conducted by Vice President Raymond Hobbins in the absence of the president, and opened with the P. T. A. prayer given by Rev. Henry Sims, of Most Holy Trinity church, Saco. Hobbins announced that the goal of 350 members has nearly been reached, and re-

minded those who have not yet joined that P. T. A. memberships are still being accepted by the membership committee. It was announced that an executive board meeting will take place April 8 at the home of Mrs. William Searle, Ferry road, Saco.

Because of last week's storm, the meeting of the child behavior discussion group was cancelled. A new date for this program will be announced soon. The attendance banner was won by Locke school. Refreshments were served by mothers of pupils in B section of Young school, under the direction of Mrs. Richard Vose.



# Garland Proposes Building New Saco School In 1962



"EDUCATION FOR DEFENSE," was the topic last night at the March meeting of the Saco Teachers association at the Burns school, Saco, with Adelbert Jakeman, Sr., as guest speaker. Among the 75 teachers and guests present were Supt. Cecil Cutts and Saco school board members. Pictured are, left to right, Jakeman; Supt. Cutts; Miss Helen Finn, president of the Saco Teachers group; Mrs. Irving Chelder, Walter Lumb and Jo-

seph Grondin, members of the school board; Mayor Peter Garland, also a special guest of the evening. A smorgasbord supper took place before the program and was in charge of the E. and L. club of the School street Methodist church, Saco. The arrangements for the evening were in charge of Miss Sylvia Johnson and Mrs. Althea Carson, assisted by a committee from the Teachers association.

## Bond Issue Ending

Saco Mayor Peter A. Garland recommended building of a new school in 1962 in the southeast section of Saco to replace the present Locke, Jordan, and Bonython schools, at the March supper meeting of the Saco Teachers association last night at the Burns school cafeteria.

Garland recommended that the school be built in 1962 after present bond issues on the C. K. Burns annex are paid off. This would result in no additional costs to the Saco taxpayers, Garland said, and enable the city to improve its school system. The city is presently paying \$20,000 a year in bond issues on the Burns annex. All but \$5,000 of this issue will be paid by 1962, Garland said.

Stressing the need for better educational facilities in Saco, the mayor noted that one electronics industry that had expressed an interest in locating in Saco had

## Saco School Budget To Be Reconsidered

Superintendent of Schools Cecil J. Cutts, said that as a result of a conference on "unallowable credits" with Mayor Peter A. Garland, of Saco, on the public school budget that the mayor had agreed to discuss the items with the City council.

Cutts was referring to \$988.28 of state and \$4,355 of government subsidy money which he said the City council had used to reduce the budget.

The school committee's plans for capital improvements and repairs to existing buildings will have to wait until \$10,800 in state and federal school subsidies are either allocated or refused to the city of Saco, Cutts said.

The mayor agreed with the

committee on raises in teachers' salaries and the addition of a new French teacher.

The committee has authorized raises of \$200 as the beginning rate of each level of training and experience.

Starting salaries for Saco public school teachers next year will be \$3,400 for beginning teachers with bachelor's degrees, \$2,500 for teachers with less than three years experience, \$2,900 for teachers with more than three years experience, but without a degree, and \$3,600 for a Master's degree. Teachers' contracts for the city of Saco are being processed now

Cutts said.





NEARLY 70 boys, parents and leaders of Saco Cub Scout Pack 310, sponsored by the Saco First Parish Congregational church, attended the Shriner's Circus Saturday at Lewiston. The trip was made possible by Clarence Holt, chairman of public relations for the Shrine, and tickets for the Cubs were donated by Bagley's market. Adults accompanying the group included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lamb, Mr.

and Mrs. Hervey Bouchard, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lutskus, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rumery, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Sanborn, Leo Paul Corriveau, John Whitney, Mrs. Walter McKenney, Mrs. Lloyd Leary, Mrs. Calman Savage, Mrs. Donald Feeney, Mrs. Thomas Vining and Mrs. Richard Vose.

## Saco Pupils To Make Up 2 Days Missed

SACO — For the first time in several years three local elementary schools will have Saturday sessions to make up lost time, Supt. Cecil J. Cutts said Friday.

Pupils at Boynton, Locke and Sweetser schools will go to school April 18 and May 2 to fulfill state requirements of at least 180 school days.

Cutts said there had been a leeway of four days that could be lost, but two were taken by elections and four because of storm conditions.

The sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon each Saturday.

Should more time be missed Cutts said that would have to be made up also.



INVESTITURE CEREMONIES were conducted for the members of Saco Brownie Troop 4 yesterday afternoon at the Saco Recreation center, and after giving the Brownie Scout promise, each girl received her pin from the leader. Included in the group, front row left to right, Elaine Lamarre, Deborah Forrester, Linda Hanson, Joan Chadbourne and Susan Pollock. Second row, left to right, Gayle McAlevey, Mary Ellen Murphy, Deborah Bedard, Janet Love, Katina Kalagias, Jerja Gourdouros, Deborah Means and Deborah

Whitney. Third row, left to right, Caroline Norton, Eslee Pendleton, Barbara Boutet, Heather Price, Judy Carr and Carol Ann Lee. Back row, usual order, Mrs. Carleton Pendleton, leader; Andrea Levesque, Jayne Lumb, Linda Warner, Katherine Andrews, Patricia Ann Murphy and Mrs. John Murphy, leader. A guest at the meeting was Mrs. Gerald VanFleet. Following the ceremonies, games were played and refreshments were served by the girls. Several of the Brownies were unable to be present.

## 5 Teachers Planning Change And Changes

SACO — The school committees of this city and Old Orchard Beach are faced with a pregnant situation for the coming 1959-60 school year.

Among the teachers to be replaced for the year will be five expectant mothers.

Veteran school officials said they can't recall when so many out of less than 100 female teachers had been thusly endowed during the same school year.

## Parents To Pay For School Damage

SACO — The parents of two local youths who admitted to breaking windows at the Locke and Notre Dame Schools a week ago, have agreed to make restitution, police said Friday.

The boys, 12 and 13 years of age, said they broke the windows on their way home from the Teen Center.

Chief Raymond J. Kerry and Sgt. Robert M. Foran investigated.

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**THE LETTER WRITING PROJECT** of pupils in Miss Geraldine Fenderson's class at Bonython school, Saco, has included corresponding with pen pals in a Vermont school. The Saco group is shown here with some letters from and to other fourth grade students in Mrs. Evelyn Billings' class at Middlebury elementary school in the Green Mountain state. In the photo are, seated, left to right, Philip Harmon, Larry McCram,

Jane Bellevue, Timothy Begley, Judith Saperla, Gail Chadbourne, Jack Dumas, Wayne McKenney and Stanley McAlevey. Standing, same order, Thomas Sawyer, Harold Ouellette, Rita Foran, Karl Smith, Sharon Fortney, Chris Lavigne, William Walton, Louis Arel, Lloyd Chute, Linda Binette, Nancy Picard, David Wickham, Robert Binette, Diane Nason, Thomas Colpitts, David Wentworth, Lee Desrochers and Bonnie Desrochers.



**EASTER BONNETS** were created yesterday by these pupils in Miss Charlotte O'Leary's Grade 3 at the Bonython school, Saco. The boys in the class take fully as much interest in this annual project as do the girls and their creations are equally as attractive. Modeling their finished products are, front row, left to right, Sheila Beardslee, Jeanne Beaulieu, Patience Tracy, Martha Hurd, Linda LaPlante, Linda Eaton and

Marjorie Keefe. Second row, left to right, Terry Ross, Alan Kimball, Glenn Goggins, Kevin Sullivan, Jonathan Gagnon, Larry Poulin, Bruce McAlevey, John Boyd, Ann Warren, Deborah Stackpole, Judy Harriman, Susan Jurgiewich, Rebecca Kimball, and Jane Polackwich. Back row, usual order, Wayne Whitney, Robert Phillips, Alan Antoine, Richard Pike and Leo Pomerleau.



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NEW LEADERS of the Saco Parent-Teacher association were elected at the meeting last night at the Young school. The slate, pictured, left to right, includes, Mrs. Elliot Fink, treasurer; Mrs. Alan Sawyer, corresponding secretary;

Franklin Thompson, vice president; Raymond Hobbins, president; Mrs. Robert Warner, first vice president; and Mrs. William Searle, recording secretary. Absent when the photo was taken was Miss Sara Emmons, historian.

## PTA Staff Is Named In Saco

Officers were elected at the meeting of the Saco Parent-Teacher association last night at the Young school. Those named include Raymond Hobbins, president; Mrs. Robert Warner, first vice president; Franklin Thompson, second vice president; Mrs. Elliot Fink, treasurer; Mrs. Alan Sawyer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Searle, recording secretary; and Miss Sara Emmons, historian. Reporting for the nominating committee was Thomas Winston, chairman.

During the business meeting, which opened with the P. T. A. prayer, led by Rev. Edmund Beal of the Unitarian-Universalist church, it was voted to send delegates to each of the discussion groups at the P. T. A. mental health conference on May 2 at Westbrook. On recommendation of the executive board, the group voted to send a letter to Gov. Clinton Clauson and the state representatives protesting the proposed cut in the education appropriation of the state budget.

President Mrs. Warren Peterson invited members of the Saco group to attend the District P. T. A. meeting on April 27 at 8 p. m. at the Wells Elementary school auditorium. Those needing transportation may contact Mrs. Peterson.

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REHEARSING THEIR PARTS for the "Bunny Hop" and the "Mexican Hat Dance" to be presented in conjunction with the annual May Festival to take place at Saco City hall next month by the Saco Unitarian church are these members of Saco Brownie Troop 12, who met yesterday at

the parish house. Front row, le orah White, Carol Tripp, Peg Pendleton, Evie Hill, Cheryl V fery and Daphne Contraros. order, Linda Lisica, Patty Tripp Patsy Gallagher, Linda Rumer, Denise Bedard and Donna Tripp





**RECEIVING COPIES** of "Young America's Creed" from Mrs. Harriet E. Henderson, president of the Boucouvalas-Dupuis AMVETS auxiliary, Saco, are these winners of an Americanism essay contest conducted in the Saco schools by the auxiliary. Shown receiving the "Creed" from Mrs. Henderson is Lillian Green, a Grade 4 pupil,

who was first place winner in the "What America Means To Me" essay contest. Second place was won by Philip Sherman, right, also a fourth grader. Looking on at left are Carleton Robbins, school principal, and Cecil J. Cutts, superintendent of schools.

## Saco Teacher Group To Grant \$150 Scholarship

The Saco Teachers association voted again yesterday to grant a \$150 scholarship this year to a Thornton academy graduate who plans to study for the teaching profession.

The action took place during a meeting at the Burns school, Saco. Named as a committee to select the scholarship winner were Miss Agnes Cunningham, chairman, Miss Elaine White and Mrs. Ina Emery.

Three other measures were voted during the business session. The association will send two delegates to the Leaders' conference of the Teachers' association this summer at the University of Maine and the unit voted to sponsor the educational TV program again as a group project. The third vote endorsed the purchasing of shares in the Community Development corporation by the association.

Miss Velma Gibbs, the nominating committee chairman, reported the new slate will be presented at the next meeting.

The annual banquet meeting will be held in May at Shawmut Inn, Kennebunkport, it was reported by the arrangements chairman, Mrs. Gertrude Clark. The group will entertain Mrs. Miriam Moody, president of the Maine Teachers association as special guest at that session, it was announced.

Refreshments followed in charge of the May hospitality committee. The hostesses for the day were Mrs. Margaret Emmons, committee chairman, Mrs. Mary Thurston, Mrs. Ina Emery, Mrs. Phyllis Borden, Mrs. Vir-



**READY TO RECEIVE** first-hand knowledge regarding the Biddeford and Saco Water company's filtration plant on South street, Biddeford, are these students from Grade 5, room 9, at Young school, Saco, who were taken on a guided tour of the plant yesterday afternoon by Charles W. Bickford. This group had studied about the local water supply, and learned the meanings of purification, filtration, chlorine, etc., in the classroom. Bickford gave them additional information and answered their numerous questions. The group was accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Ruby Hannaford,

and room mother, Mrs. Lee Ellis. Pupils making the trip included Gloria Allen, Susan Baker, Kathleen Butts, David Craft, Kenneth Dolby, Michael Duranceau, Doris Durant, Steven Ellis, Alta Furush, Leo Glass, Laura Grondin, Susan Harper, Edward Harvey, Marion Harvey, Hope Hutchinson, Bogden Kurlanska, Bruce Ladd, Beverly Lovejoy, Lawrence Meserve, Pauline Misho, Raymond Phillips, Lucille Saucier, Linda Simkowitz, Louise Whitten, Ernest Spulick, Sharon Wormwood, Walter Winchester, Dennis DeRocco.



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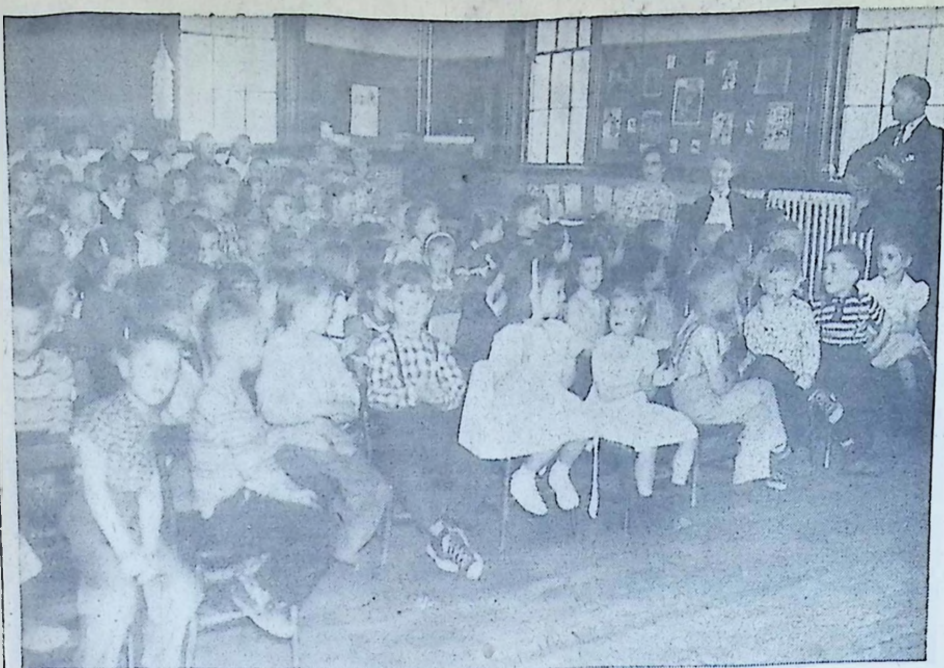
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**TAKING A FIELD TRIP** to Cole dairy farm yesterday were these second grade students of the Jordan school, Saco. The teacher, Mrs. Louise McCarn, made arrangements and chaperoned the group. The trip was to correlate classroom studies of dairying this year. The group included, front row, left to right, George

Pelletier, James Williams, David McCrum, Stanley Wojcik, Barry Desrochers, Michael Hill and Bato LaPointe. Second row, Deborah Whitney, Katina Kalagas, Torja Goudouras, Patti Keefe, Susan Thompson, Celia Thompson, Evelyn Hill, Lynne Hamlyn. Third row, Kathleen Sandsberg, James Riddle, Richard Albour, Edmund Rice, Peter Cooper, Darlene King.





PRESENTING TRADITIONAL American and current popular songs in Spanish and Russian in the Saco schools today is Samuel Eves, New York City, shown here. He visited the Locke, Bonython and Jordan schools this morning and the Young and Sweetser schools yesterday. Com-

bining a language lesson with music for pupils at the Sweetser school is the visiting educator pictured here. Eves has devoted close to 40 years in the unique musicales he presents to school children across the U. S. A.

## Educator Gives Program In Saco Public Schools

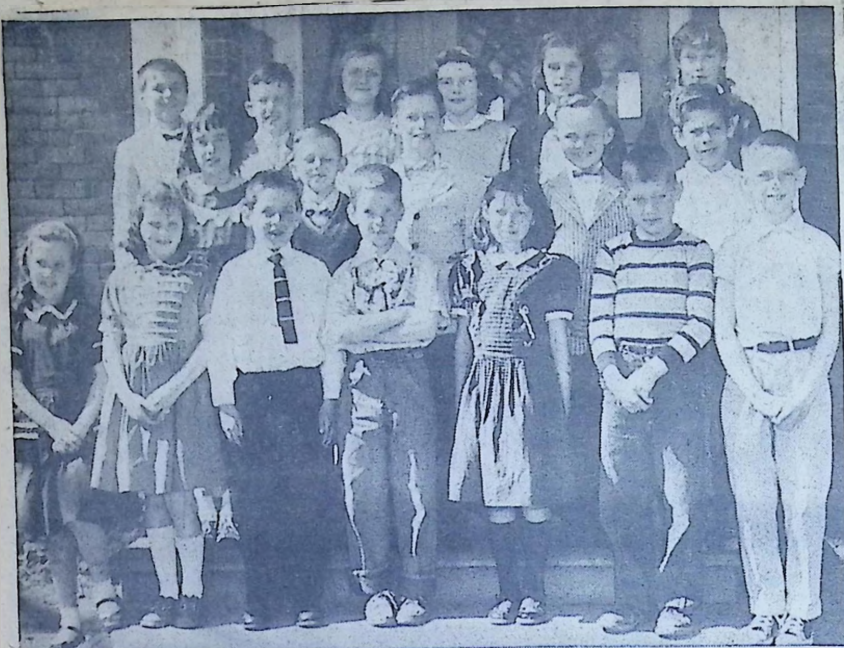
Samuel Eves, a noted educator, today after completing his tour, who teaches languages, performances in Saco. Through music presented pro-



AN OUTING at the Thibodeau farm, Saco, was held Wednesday by the two first grade classes in "A" section of Young school, Saco. One of the highlights of the day was a ride in the pony cart. Pupils grouped in front include, Janet Decker, Monica Foss, Suzanne Coney, Raymond Whitten, Mary Ellen Murphy, Beverly Berry, Calvin Vanier and Marsha Grondin. The group in back includes Stephen Bedell, Johanna Gron-

din, Michelle Fecteau, Billy Chocka, Shirley McKinnon, Owen Colomb and Gregory Callahan. Holding the pony are Herve Thibodeau, Jr., and Herve Thibodeau, Sr., hosts for the outing. The students were accompanied by their teachers, Miss Sara Emmons and Mrs. Josephine Desrochers; also Mrs. Peter Garland, Mrs. Leonard Curtis and Mrs. John B. Murphy, mothers of students.





**THE SPELLING CHAMPIONS** of Grades 1, 2 and 3 in the Saco public schools are shown here following the final spelling contest. They are, front row, left to right, Carol Tripp, Kathleen Huot, George Boucouvalas, Steven Butts, Katherine McCoombs, Philip Heffernan and Tommy Tarbox. Second row, Charlene Graffam, Russell Townsend, Tommy Vining, James Harmon and

Chester Blunt. Third row, Joseph Lapointe, James Riddle, Rita Foran, Eleanor Kelley, Ruth Sargent and Nancy Tripp. The arrangements for the final spelling bee were in charge of a committee including Mrs. Madeline Davis, chairman; Mrs. Hazel Armstrong, Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux and Miss Charlotte O'Leary, Saco teachers. Story on page 6.

## Saco School Pupils Complete Spelling Tests

The pupils of Grades 2, 3 and 4 of the Saco public schools have completed the annual preliminary spelling tests. Each test consisted of 20 written words and five dictated sentences for each grade level. Following are the names of pupils having a perfect score and who will compete in an oral contest at a later date:

Grade 2—Lynne Hamlyn, Ceilia Thompson, Jorga Gourdouras, Stanley Wojick, Katina Kalaigas, Elaine Lamarre, Meredith Searle, Gayle Crapser, Chris Denton, Robert Chamberlain, Diane Bergeron, Deborah Means, Veneta Tsomides, Sylvia Fogg, Ricky Roy, Deborah Forrester, Susan Pollock, Catherine McCoombs, Kenneth Lovejoy, Shirley Colomb, James LeClair, Reginald King, Joyce Sullivan, William Nason, Carol Tripp, George Boucouvalas, Rhonda Kozloff, Judith Johnson, Jean Hazelton, Deborah White, Cheryl Welch, Chester Blunt, Deborah Bedard, Barbara Boutet, Linda Hanson, Janet Lane, Alison Milne, Stephen Murphy, Constance Nein, Esle Pen-

dleton, Sandra Reny, Sharon Seaward and Stephen Snider.

Grade 3—Pamela Estes, James Harmon, Kathi Ledoux, Ann Pollock, Leon Tsomides, June Burnham, Elsie Philbrick, Sharon Burkhart, Morrill Harper, Stephen Boucouvalas, Michael Jordan, Robert Bragdon, Stephen Callahan, Susan Huston, Richard Sargent, Bonnie Whitten, Elizabeth Binette, Tina Clement, Susan Currier, Joseph LaPointe, Joseph Maloney, Charles Panteleakas, Paul Trudeau, Sheila Beardslee, Susan Jurgiewich, Judith Harri-man, Patience Tracy and Wayne Whitney.

Grade 4—Timothy Begley, Lee Desrochers, Kathleen Huot, Betty Strout, Tommy LeClair, Nancy Tripp, Eleanor Kelly, Ruth Sargent, David Charles, David Burgess, Diana Harvey, Brant Martin, Sally Muslawski, Barbara Emmons, Caroline Lord, Ronald Ayotte, William Chute, Kathleen Crowley, Margery Harrison, Linda Kimball, Gerald Lutskus, Tammaris Norton, Philip Sandberg, Candice Sweet and Thomas Vining.

## Saco School Spelling Match Winners Listed

Final spelling matches were held in the Saco public schools for grades 1, 2 and 3.

Winners were Grade 2, group 1, first place, Carol Tripp, Young school; second place, George Boucouvalas, Young school; group 2, first place, Chester Blunt, Young school; second place, Catherine McCoombs, Young school; group 3, first place, Steven Butts, Sweetser school and second place, James Riddle, Jordan school.

Grade 3 winners were: Group 1, first place, James Harmon, Sweetser school; second place, Thomas Tarbox, Young school; group 2, first place, Joseph Lapointe, Bonython school; second place, Charlene Graffam, Young school; group 3, 1st place, Russell Townsend, Young school, and second place, Philip Heffernan, Young school.

Winners for Grade 4 were: Group 1, first place, Nancy Tripp, Young school; second place, Ruth Sargent, Young school; group 2, first place, Thomas Vining, Busns school; second place, Eleanor Kelly, Young school; group 3, first place, Kathleen Huot, Young school, and second place, Rita Foran, Bonython school.

Conducting the matches were Mrs. Ila Russell, Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux, Miss Charlotte O'Leary and Mrs. Erma Croxford. Judges were Miss Helen Finn, Miss Sara Emmons, Mrs. Bernice Foye and Mrs. Althea Carson.

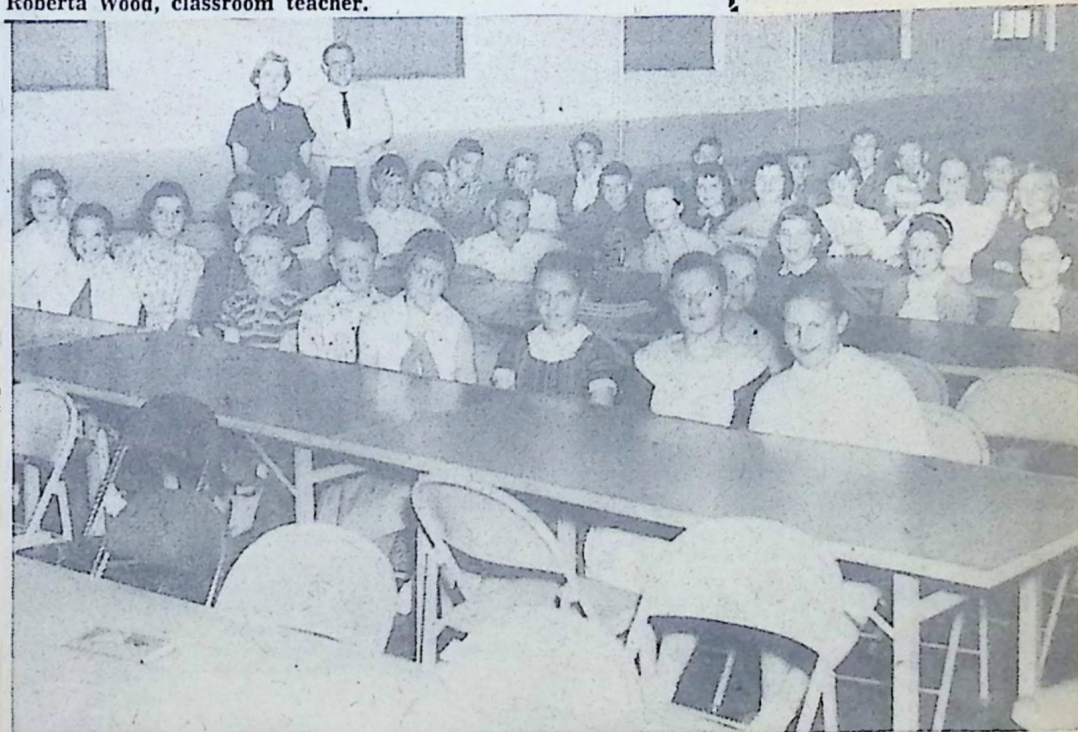
The committee that planned the spelling contest included Mrs. Hazel Armstrong, Miss Charlotte O'Leary, Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux and Mrs. Madeleine Davis, chairman.





PUPILS FROM the sixth grades of Burns school, Saco, visited Boston yesterday and attended a showing of the Cinerama, "South Seas Adventure," in conjunction with classroom study of the Pacific Islands and Hawaii, the 50th state of the Union. The group included visits to the Science Museum and Planetarium. Taking the trip were, top photo, Billy Skea, David Hickey, Gilbert Hawkins, Terrance Racicot, Donna Morrison, Linda Nason, Patty Mag-nan, Corena Brown, Norma Perkins, Mary Marinus, Jeffrey Gil-patric, Elise Shevenell, John Mackenzie, Gerald Hinckley, Bonita Bartlett, Susan Howe, Betty Foran, Molly Brandt, Judy Jones, Joan Bass, Connie Turner, Sheryl Ayotte, Betty Wills, Marion Paul, Eugene Drown, Harry Vlahakos, Shirley Levesque, Richard Berger-on, Sherry Ayotte, Irene Halasz, and the chaperones, Mrs. Mabel Ayotte, Mrs. David Robinson and Mrs. Stella Turner, classroom teacher. In the bottom photo is the second group including Dane Adams, Paul Brown, Roger Camire, Everett Lavigne, Dennis Morrison, Denny Mullins, David Sewall, Mila Smith, Mark Willett,

Jeff Foster, Nancy Sewall, Freddie Bellevue, Andrew Adams, Donald Boothby, Patricia Coburn, Cheryl Dorfman, Sue Em-mons, Reitta Flood, Jane Gerry, Regina Hensale, Paula Langeller, Tina LaPointe, Lille Patterson, P. J. Pendleton, June Smard, Nel-lie White, Susan Winston, Anna Wilcox, Barbara Antoine, and the chaperones, Mrs. E. J. Pendleton, Mrs. A. I. Coburn and Mrs. Roberta Wood, classroom teacher.



A PROGRAM of colored slides taken by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harrison of their trip to Quebec City and the Gaspé Peninsula, were shown to these students of Grade 6, Room 15, at the Burns school cafeteria by Mrs. Harrison. The program was arranged by her daughter, Anne Harrison. Pupils include, front row, left to right, Judy Deane, Sharon Cyr, Judy Cole, Nancy Ross, John Morang, George Renell, Janice Maguire, Linda Kimball, Linda Soucy, Susan Andrews and Ann Miller. Second row, Gayle Spencer, Cynthia Warren, Norman Dubois, Donald Doyle, Mrs.

Harrison, Anne Harrison, Sandy Zaitlin and Karen Smith. Third row, Kenneth Pike, Roger Miles, Nancy Meserve, Peter Scontras, Cynthia Burnham, Judy Coburn, Linda Robinson, Gayle Andrews and Leslie Anderson. Last row, Eric Cote, Duncan Moore, Robert Polackwich, Zbigniew Kurlanska and Rodney Champagne. Standing at left, Mrs. Bertha Russell, teacher of the class, and Peter Judge, a student teacher and member of the senior class at Gorham State Teachers college, who has been assisting with the class for the past eight weeks.





A TALK ON BIRDS was presented yesterday by Mrs. Philip Welch of Ocean Park, standing right-center, before these students in the "Alaska 49'ers Club" at Burns school, Saco. Her illustrated talk climaxed a study of birds as a science project by this group. Standing at the left in the photo is Mrs. Stella Turner, teacher of these Grade 6 pupils. Members of the class include Betty Egan, Bonita Bartlett, Constance Turner, Frederick Carver, Linda Nason, Jeffrey

Gilpatric, John McKenzie, Terrance Racicot, Gerald Hinckley, Patricia Magnum, Betty Wills, Molly Brandt, Shirley Levesque, Joan Bass, Eugene Drown, Marion Paul, Norma Perkins, Susan Howe, Gilbert Hawkins, Judith Jones, Irene Halasz, Elise Shevenell, William Skea, Sheryl Ayotte, Mary Mariner, David Hickey, Corcna Brown and Richard Bergeron.



COMPETING SATURDAY for the state title in the one-act play contest among high school students in Maine will be this cast from Kennebunk High school with "Heaven Protects The Working Girl." The group includes, left to right, Director John Anagnostis, Judy Dresser, Gracia Seekins,

Pamela Angell and Leta Downing. They will represent the region in the contest after winning the regional competition at York High school last week. The contests will take place at Bowdoin college, Brunswick.





A FIELD TRIP to the Cole Farm dairy, where they were taken on a tour, was held yesterday by these Grade 2 pupils at the Young school, Saco. In the top photo, are the students of Mrs. Evelyn Lemieux, Grade 2, pictured with their room mother, Mrs. Bernice Colomb. The group includes Richard Baker, Nancy Burgess, Lysle Burrows, William Chenard, Shirley Colomb, Randall Decker, Elaine Desrosiers, Carol Duranceau, Judith Grace, John Graffam, Della Jeffery, Carlton Kaler, Kenneth Lovejoy, Katherine McDonald, Catherine McCoombs, Rebecca Monroe, Karen Mooney, Mark Taylor, Gerald Powers, John Philbrick, Dixie Thomas, Oramel Thomas, Donna Boisvert and Bruce Bragdon. In the lower photo are the Grade 2 students of Mrs. Paulette Ingalls, pictured with their room mother, Mrs. Millard Tripp, Jr. They include, Roger Anderson, Suzanne Blais, Chester Blunt, George Boucouvalas, Jean Hazelton, Linda Howland, Judith Johnson, Reginald King, Rhonda Kozloff, Barry Ladd, James LeClair, Patricia Littlefield, Sandra Marston, Patricia Murphy, William Nason, Pauline Remillard, David Sait, Linda Scammon, Joyce Sullivan, Michael Swisko, Carol Tripp, Patricia Tripp, Cheryl Welch, Deborah White and Edward Verge.

## Christmas Vacation In Schools Of Saco May Be Cut To Week

The possibility of eliminating a week of Christmas vacation for Saco Public school students is being considered by Superintendent Cecil J. Cutts.

Cutts said this morning that this may be one method of enabling the schools to close June 12 next year instead of a week later on June 17. With Labor day falling a week later on September 7 this year, schools will be opening a week late, Cutts noted.

Old Orchard Beach, which does not normally open until the week after Labor day, would open on September 14 this year. In order to enable the schools to have the full number of sessions required by law, Cutts said, Old Orchard would either have to run until June 17 or open the week of Labor day.

Biddeford's Superintendent of Schools Paul Larrabee has already informed Cutts that Biddeford schools will open on September 9 and close on June 17. Cutts said that Kennebunk High school was considering lopping off the Christmas vacation in order to close on the regular date. This would mean that Kennebunk schools would open for the year on September 9 and close June 10.

Thornton academy officials said that no plans had been made for school sessions next year as yet.

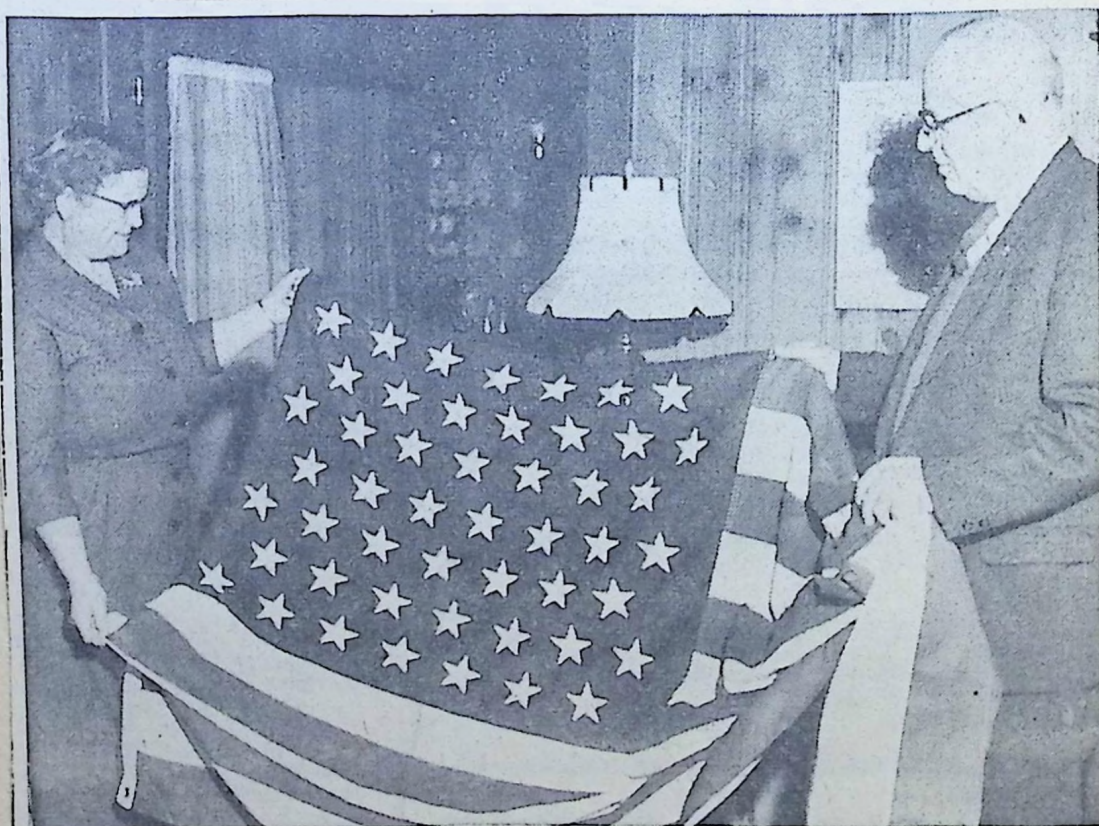
Cutts emphasized that cutting one week of Christmas vacation time is only a possibility at this time. Other alternatives might be to start a week earlier next fall or to finish a week later next spring.





PUPILS OF the third grade of Sweetser school, Saco, visited the Reny Brothers printing firm in Saco yesterday in conjunction with classroom studies on newspapers and printing. The arrangements for the visit were in charge of Allana Morris, one of the pupils, and her father, who is employed at the firm. Accompanying the group were Mrs. Ila Russell, the teacher, and two Room Mothers, Mrs. Yvonne Estes and Mrs.

Vera Benoit. The group included, front row, left to right, Michael Martel, James Harmon, Richard Dolby, Robert Peck, Leon Tsomides, Timmy Noyes, Larry Boothby, Gary Foran, James Snyder and George Knight. Second row, Janet Yarrow, Gale DaCosta, Kathleen Benoit, Daphne Contreras, Pamela Estes, Judith Watson, Linda Perreault, Kathi Ledoux, Deborah Hanson, Brenda Whitehead, Cleida Brooks, Joyce Tracy, Allana Morris and Kathy Blake.



COUNTING THE STARS on the first 49-star flag reported in the area are Adelbert M. Jakeman, right, superintendent of the Ocean Park association, and Mrs. Jakeman, at their home at Ocean Park. The flag was a gift to the association from Mr. and Mrs. Alton L. Moore,

Melrose, Mass., and will be flown in front of The Temple at Ocean Park following dedicatory exercises on July 4. The Moores are son-in-law and daughter of President Robert B. Harvey of the Ocean Park association, all summer visitors at Ocean Park.





# OUR CLASS VISIT TO

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*Judy Watson*  
*Gayle Tracy*  
*Timmy Norjes*

*Mrs Herbert Estes*

*Mrs. Ila Russell Teacher*



## Saco Cub Scout Den Members Appear On TV

Announcements of the Memorial Day celebration and the coming family picnic were made at the meeting of seven dens of Saco Cub Scout Pack 310, sponsored by the Saco First Parish Congregational church, yesterday afternoon. Cubs planning to parade, will meet tomorrow morning at the corner of Main and School streets, in full uniform.

The family picnic will be held Sunday, June 7, at 1 p. m., with each one attending bringing a box lunch. The place will be announced next week. Each unit opened yesterday's meeting with the flag salute, Scout promise, law of the pack and motto.

Den 1, Mrs. Calman Savage, leader, appeared on the "Fun House" television show at Portland. Providing transportation and serving as chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Faith Moore and Mrs. Carleton Butland. Attending were Brian Poulin, Larry Poulin, Kevin Savage, Randy Decker, James Ross, Billy Bowie, Alan Savage, Ronald Vose, Derrick Moore and John Cote, also Den Chiefs Richard Craft and Carleton Butland, and a guest, Denise Moore.

Den 5, Mrs. William Mackenzie, leader, went to the Dairy Joy for a treat. Cubs attending were Albert Lamontagne, Curtis Price, Marc Corriveau, Raymond Caouette, David Bryant, Charles Anthony, Michael McInnis, Barry Desrocher, and Michael Aube and Den Chiefs Donald Rummery and Arthur Plante.

### Play Baseball Game

Dens 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 conducted a baseball game. Den Mothers and Cubs include, Mrs. John Whitney, Wayne Whitney, Joseph Maloney, Joseph Gaudette, Roland Letellier, Edmund Rice, Richard Wood and Robert Hunt, den chief of Den 2; Den 3, Mrs. Walter McKenney and Mrs. Lloyd Leary; Cubs Thomas Vining, Wayne McKenney, William Leary, Robert Lamontagne, Lee Desrocher, Stephen Boothby and Ralph Rummery; Den 4, Mrs. Ralph Lamb and Mrs. Herve Bouchard, and Cubs David Charles, Danny Sanborn, Thomas Bouchard, Stephen Feeney, Thomas Lamb, Robert Allen and David Burgess.

Den 6, Mrs. Thomas Vining, leader, Cubs Thomas Sawyer, Ronald Ayotte, Robert Irish, Stephen Sanborn, Kenneth White, John Brooks, Daniel Nein, and Thomas Lambert, den chief; and Den 7, led by Mrs. Richard Vose, and Cubs Robert Elwell, Michael Willett, Malcolm Burgess, Jonathan Gagnon, David Roy, Donald Cote and George Caras, also Den Chief Terrance Racicot.



APPEARING on the "Fun House" television program yesterday at Portland were these Cub Scouts from Den 1 of Pack 310, sponsored by the Saco First Parish Congregational church. Front row, left to right, Brian Poulin, Larry Poulin, Kevin Savage and Randy Decker. Second row, usual order, James Ross, Billy Bowie, Alan Savage and Ronald Vose. Back row, usual order, Richard Craft and Carleton Butland, Den Chiefs, and John Cote. Missing from the photo was Derrick Moore, who also attended.



IN CONNECTION with a study of Maine industries, these pupils in the Grade 4 class of Mrs. Ethel Rodgers at Young school, Saco, visited the F. H. Snow Canning company at Pine Point, Monday morning. Also accompanying the group was Mrs. William Mackenzie, room mother. Students pictured, front row, left to right, Michael McInnis, Robert Winchester, David Massie, John

Blunt, Robert Allen, Thomas Lamb, Donald and Ronald Ouellette, Second row, Stephen Littlefield, William Leary, Margaret Dumont, Violet Verge, Ronald Vose, Bruce Mackenzie, David Simkowitz. Back row, usual order, Sheila Langlois, Naomi Dolby, Sandra Lavalliere, Carolyn Allen, Gail Jewell, Jacqueline Tripp and Carol Blunt. Absent when the photo was taken was Floyd Ackerman.

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# County Teachers Elect Officers At Convention In Kennebunk



AMONG THE prominent figures taking part today in the York County Teachers Association convention at Kennebunk High school are, front row, left to right, Mrs. Mary Fallon, Old Orchard Beach, retiring secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Christine Armstrong, Old Orchard Beach, president-elect; Salom Rizk, international lecturer and the main guest speaker; Clyde Russell, executive secretary of the Maine Teachers Association. Standing, Raymond Kenneally, Biddeford, re-elected as a member of the executive committee;

Mrs. Martha Herrin, Saco, secretary-treasurer elect; Frederick Welch, Kennebunk, serving a second term on the executive committee; Carroll Ronco, Cornish, retiring president; Sidney Griffith, Saco, vice president elect; and Joseph Devitt, director of secondary education of the Maine State Department of Education. Over 1,000 teachers attended the one-session program and accepted an invitation to be guests of Sanford for the 1960 convention.

## Over 1,000 Present At Meeting

Mrs. Christine Armstrong, Old Orchard Beach, was chosen today as the new president of the York County Teachers association by over 1,000 members of the organization attending the annual convention in Kennebunk.

Other officers elected were Sidney Griffith, Saco, vice president; Mrs. Martha Herrin, Saco, secretary-treasurer, and three members of the executive committee, Raymond Kenneally of Biddeford, Frederick Welch of Kennebunk and Supt. Charles Puffer, of Kittery.

The slate was presented by the nominating committee with Supt. Hubert Redding of Berwick as committee chairman. The retiring president, Carroll B. Ronco, of Cornish, conducted the business session and accepted the report from the nominating committee. Those serving in this group included Mrs. Joseph Mulkern, South Berwick, and Mrs. Virginia Parsons, York.

### Teachers Honored

Special recognition was accorded two teachers already retired and one retiring this year. They were Mrs. Marguerite W. Eaton, Mrs. Celia Day and Hugh Connors. Taking part in these ceremonies were President-elect Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Marion Moody, president of the Maine Teachers association. A corsage was also presented to Mrs. Moody from Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary teachers society.



**GETS AWARD**—Richard E. Farnsworth, Jr., center is shown being congratulated by Alexander Economos, right, music director at Kennebunk high school, and Mrs. John B. Audibert, left, as recipient of the Shubert Club scholarship award to

attend Summer Music school. Mrs. Audibert, president of the club, made the presentation at the annual May Festival, sponsored by the club, Saturday evening at the Kennebunk High school auditorium.





A SKIT, "Topsy Stays a Kitten," was presented by Young school children prior to the business meeting of Saco Rebekah Lodge Saturday evening at the Saco Odd Fellows hall. This program was a part of the Mother-Daughter-Son observance held by the lodge. Taking part, front row, left to right, Michael Hjort, Darlene Dutille, Gregory Callahan, Shirley McMillan,

Jon Boutet, Peter Garland, Diane Curtis and Patricia McMullen. Back row, left to right, Donna Nason, Donald Prokey, Mary Harris, Kathy Leary, Billy Chocka and Mark Johnston. Leslie Tripp served as narrator for the skit, and the group was supervised by Miss Sara Emmons, teacher at the school.





THESE STUDENTS from the Junior primary, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 classrooms at Locke school, Saco, had the leading speaking

and singing parts in the May Festival presented at the school under the direction of the teachers. Other pupils of the classes combined the chorus.

## Locke School Pupils Present Song Festival

A May Festival of Songs, with pantomimes and dance specialties, was presented Friday afternoon at the Locke school, Saco, by the first four grades.

The program was opened by the Junior primary class. Miss Ruth Hussey, teacher, and included the flag salute, Ronald Scammon; song, "Robin," entire class; poem, "The Woodpecker," Elizabeth Seaver, Lee Plaisted, Ronald Scammon, Mary Whelan, Bruce Hudson, David Magnum, Maureen Crowley; song, "A Night in the Woods," Selene Mack; dance, "Can-Can," Maureen Crowley; song, "There Came To My Window," and "Early In The Morning," entire class; poem, "The Blackbird," Russell Howland, Robert Lockhart, Lindsay Kirk, Carole Kimball, Margaret Kenneally, Sally Snow, Ralph Meserve; song, "The Blackbird," James Houreas; and songs, "Jack-in-the-Pulpit" and "Turra, Turra, Turra," entire class.

Grade 1, under the direction of Mrs. Erma Croxford, teacher, presented a "Song of Spring" and the song, "Life's Garden." A pantomime, "I Love My Baby," was presented by Marcia Flood and Michael Simanonok, and a song, "Flower Parade" by the entire class. A tap dance was given by Karen Tryman, and "Yankee Doodle" was sung by the whole class.

Grade 2, Mrs. Madeleine Davis, teacher, presented a Cowboy Song by Tommy Stout, Constance Nein, Judy Carr and Robert Rancourt; Waltz Song, by all the girls in the class; a ballet, Esle Pendleton; song, "The Basket House," Esle Pendleton, Caroline Norton and Stephen Murphy; a riddle, Jean Winston and Linda Hanson; tap dance, Linda Warner; The Rain-drop, class, and a tap dance by Sandra Reny.

Grade 3, Mrs. Althea Carson, teacher, presented a song, Happy School Days, class; pantomime, Lollipop, Mary Winston; songs, Welcome Birds and Little Creek, class; piano solo, Over The Hill To Grandma's House, Abby Tryman; songs, Flowers for Mother, and Our Song of Thanks, class.



PRACTICING FOR a tumbling exhibition to be presented May 19 at the Saco Parent-Teacher Association meeting at Young school are these athletes of Burns school, Saco. The gym students, including boys and girls from the fifth to the eighth grades at Burns school, will present a series of formations including rolls, cartwheels, dives, shoulder mounts, hand stands and pyramids. The group has been coached by Albert M. Searway, Burns school athletic director, left, who

is shown supervising the session yesterday in the schoolyard. Those taking part in the exhibition will be this group which includes Wilfred Boissonneault, James Corriveau, John Braley, Dennis McNabb, Parker MacKenzie, Richard Racicot, Guy Beaulieu, Robert Kimball, Adrien Desrosiers, Robert Weiss, Richard Bergeron, Ronald Nadeau, Kermit Lane, Richard Cyr, Paul Callahan, Robert Camden, Patty Coburn, Leslie Anderson, Martina LaPointe, Diane Begley and Julia Willey.





**PARTICIPATING IN** a Spring Fashion show last night at the C. K. Burns school, Saco, are these Grade 8 members of the home economics class at the school. The program, a "Do It Yourself" project, included the showing of sport, casual and dress-up clothing made and modeled by the girls before an audience of parents and friends.

The class is under the direction of Mrs. Esther Emmons. Among those taking part as models, commentators and actresses in the skit were, left to right, Joanne Talbot, Nancy Garland, Judy Maguire, Judy Kiely, Lois Currier, Claire Lamontagne, Linda Hill and Dorothy McIver. Missing when the photo was taken were Carol Begley and Lynne Seaver.





TAKING PART in a dance, "Duck for the Oyster," are these Grade 1 pupils in Miss Sara Emmons' class at Young school, Saco, during a dance party held last night at the school. Left to right are Jon Boutet, Patricia McMullen, John Choroszy, Dianne Abbott, Michael Hjort, Darlene

Dutille, Leslie Tripp and Johanna Grondin. In the background are members of the Saco School committee, Joseph Grondin, Walter Lumb, Jr., and Mrs. Irving Chelder, who served as judges for the waltz contest.

## Young School Pupils Hold Dance Party

About 300 parents and friends witnessed the dance party held last night at the Young school, Saco, by the students in "A" section, under the direction of the teachers.

The program of dances and participants included, Duck for the Oyster, grade 1, Miss Sara Emmons, teacher, Dane Curtis, Tommy Planté, Peter Garland, David Dinsmore, Leslie Tripp, Michael Hjort, Kcsanne Ripa, Micheline Langlois, Donna Nason, Beverly Simpson, Johanna Grondin, Darlene Dutille, Billy Chocka, Donald Prokey, Gregory Callahan, Mark Johnston, Jon Boutet, John Choroszy, Marie Simpson, Gloria Googoo, Shirley McKinnon, Mary Harris, Dianne Abbott, Patricia McMullen.

Virginia Reel, grade 2, Mrs. Paulette Ingalls, teacher, Susanne Blais, Sandra Marston, Deborah White, Judith Johnson, Rhonda Kozloff, Joyce Sullivan, David Sait, Barry Ladd, Leslie Tripp, George Boucouvalas, James LeClair, Chester Blunt, Cheryl Welch, Patricia Murphy, Patty Littlefield, Jean Hazelton, Linda Scammon, Michael Swisko, Roger Anderson, John Choroszy, Billy Nason, Peter Garland, Dane Curtis.

Sweet Alice Waltz Quadrille, Miss Emmons, grade 1, same participants as for "Duck for the Oyster."





GRADUATION EXERCISES of the eighth grade of C. K. Burns school, Saco, was held Thursday evening in Saco City hall. The graduates included 150 members of the class pictured here. In the photo are Gregory R. Aaron, Rosemary Aaron, Gertrude P. Arel, Emerson J. Armstrong, Diana M. Arsenault, Charles G. Atter, Jr., Peter E. Atwater, Guy A. Beaulieu, Carol F. Begley, Margaret E. Bell, Carol A. Benoit, Louise Bertrand, Paula A. Bischoff, Carol M. Black, Alme Blais, Jr., Donna R. Boutet, Lawrence W. Bowie, Jr., John R. Braley, III, Richard A. Brown, Michael W. Burns, David G. Carnevale, Paul W. Carter, Thomas D. Charron, Patricia S. Christian, Cathleen L. Clarke, Charles A. Clarke, Raymond Cloutier, Dolores L. Coffin, Margaret A. Compagna, Patrick S. Conroy, Joanne S. Consalvo, Stephen J. Cooper, Lois B. Currier, Jr., JoAnn K. Davis, Richard N. Denton, Elaine Deschambeault, Robert R. DesRosiers, Phyllis D. S. Dumas, Raymond J. Dumont, Priscilla J. Dussault, Barbara J. Emerson,

Jeremiah E. Foster, Robert C. Francis, Anna Friedman, Nancy G. Garland, David A. Garside, Shirley A. Gaumont, Joyce E. Geddes, Linda Geishauser, Maureen C. Genthner, Theresa R. Glass, Richard E. Gove, Nancy A. Grace, Ruth M. Grace, Elinor L. Greene, Leslie A. Haas, Gerry Halasz, Deborah A. Hamilton, Robert S. Hanson, Diana G. Harmon, Joyce E. Hefferman, Rose Marie Henaire, Linda J. Henderson, Linda L. Hill, David H. Howe, Sandra L. Howe, Bruce L. Johnson, Thomas L. Johnson, Joanne E. Karvonides, Judith A. Kieley, Robert A. Kimball, Clayton P. King, Jr., Joseph H. Labbe, Baree A. Ladd, Stephen L. Lambert, Mary J. Lamirande, Claire L. Lamontagne, Robert J. Lamontagne, Jr., Betty J. Lamson, Kermit A. Lane, Guy P. Langelier, Elaine B. Langlois, Alen R. Lisica, Jedda L. Littlefield, Edward D. Lund, Betty A. MacDonald, William P. Mackenzie, Judith D. Maguire, Albert J. Martel, Susan J. Mason, Dorothy G. McIver, David P. McNabb, Dennis P. McNabb, Phyllis A. Mello, Patricia A. Murphy, Ronald F. Na-

deau, Judith A. Nason, Ronald P. Nason, G. Bruce Nunan, Lester L. O'Rourke, Reynold A. Ouellette, Patricia Panteleakos, Nancy L. Parent, Sandra M. Parisien, Richard A. Parola, Robert E. Parslow, Dorothy L. Patterson, Roxann M. Peck, Doris L. Pelkey, Dale S. Pelletier, Delina C. Perreault, Russell G. Philbrick, Ronald K. Pike, Shirley J. Pray, Raymond G. Prejean, David N. J. Prescott, Richard J. Racicot, Mary D. Reilly, Don E. E. Richards, Esther A. Robinson, David C. Sawyer, Lynne A. Seaver, Bruce C. Shaffer, Patricia E. Sinnott, Robert C. Skidgel, David L. Smart, Dawn A. Smith, Stephen R. Smith, John D. Soucy, Sharon J. Staples, Stephen D. Staples, Sally L. Stoddard, Judith H. Strout, Joan L. Sullivan, John M. Sylvester, Jo Anne C. Tailbot, Frederick J. Tardif, Judith A. Timmons, Sharon L. Tingley, Janet L. Tracy, Gerry N. Treadwell, Marilyn E. Twomey, Jocelyn L. Vermette, Eunice P. Walker, Gardner R. Walls, James J. Wickham, III, Elizabeth N. Wilbur, Dorothy J. Winchester and Linda S. Zello.

## Burns School Graduates Large Class

Coffin, Margaret Anne Com- othy G. McIver, David Paul Mc-  
pagna, Patrick Stephen Conroy, Nabb, Dennis Paul McNabb,  
Joanne S. Consalvo, Stephen John Phyllis Ann Mello, Patricia Ann



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**THE APPOINTMENTS** of a French teacher and an additional seventh grade teacher were announced this morning by Saco Superintendent of Schools Cecil J. Cutts. Miss Loretta Robitaille, Waterville, will teach French in the third through eighth grades. She is teaching French, Latin and English at Hallowell High school and has also taught at Millinocket, Gorham, Eastport and Belgrade Highs. She attended Our Lady of Mercy college, Portland, the University of Maine, and a summer session at St. Bruno college in Lyons, France. This gives her a background in Parisian French, Cutts noted. The French language program will be a new feature of the Saco public schools program next year. Howard L. Cushman, 27 Scammon street, Saco, has been appointed as an additional seventh grade teacher. Six sixth-grade classes will be advancing to the seventh grades next year and an additional teacher was required. Cushman will graduate from Gorham State Teachers college with a bachelor of science degree in June. He was born in Wilton and attended Maine Central Institute. He lives in Saco with his wife and two children.



**SACO TEACHER**—Miss Pauline Deschambeault, 263 Elm street, Biddeford, will teach the first grade class in the Jordan school in Saco next year, Superintendent of Schools Cecil J. Cutts announced this morning. Miss Deschambeault is a 1958 graduate of Gorham State Teachers college. She is teaching a junior primary class at the Bradbury Street school in Biddeford this year. She will replace Mrs. Ralph Chenard, 66 Birch street, Biddeford, who has taught for four years in Saco. Mr. and Mrs. Chenard are moving to Massachusetts.

## Teachers Named At Saco

Two new teachers and a new head of the maintenance department were appointed by the Saco Superintending School committee at a meeting last night.

Miss Barbara Mildred Hooper, 10 Old Orchard road, Saco, and Miss Mary Ann Emmons, 9 Brown street, Kennebunk, were the two teachers appointed. The



Miss Mary Ann Emmons

committee also accepted the resignation of Prent Williams, 14 Mechanic street, Saco, as head of the maintenance department in the Saco public school and ap-



Miss Barbara Hooper

pointed G. Frank Wheaton, 97 Scammon street, Saco, as his replacement.

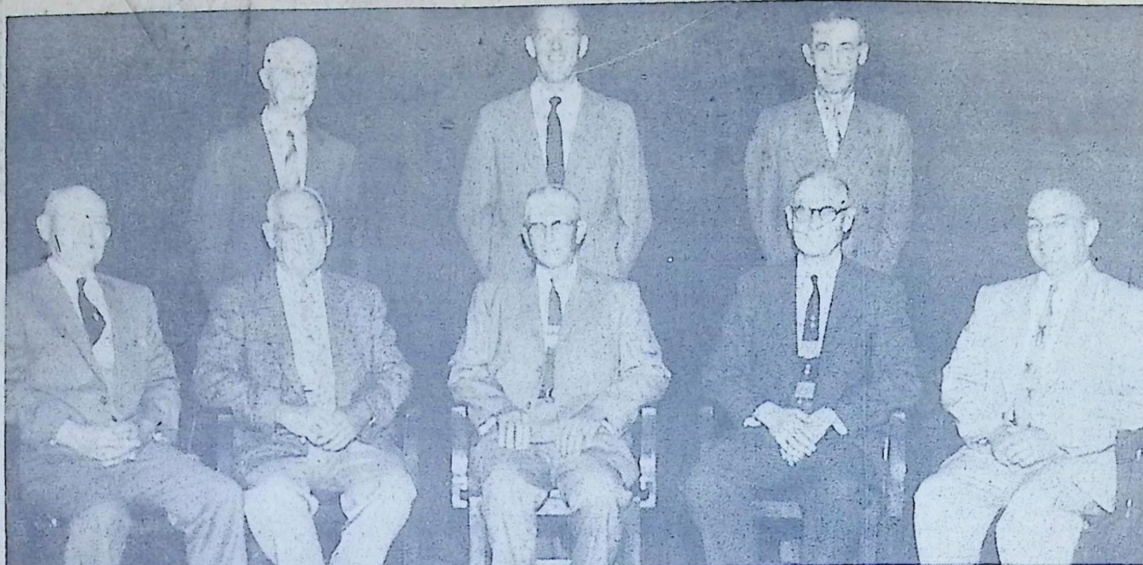
William is retiring after serving in his position in the Saco schools for seven years. He will move to his summer camp in Acton. Williams' resignation becomes effective May 1.

Wheaton comes to the Saco school system after 25 years employment in the woodworking department of the Saco-Lowell shops.

Miss Emmons will graduate from Gorham State Teachers' college in June with a bachelor of science degree in education. She will be assigned to teaching duties in the third grade at the Young school, replacing Mrs. Frances Hartford, who has resigned to accept a position in

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EIGHT PAST AND PRESENT MAYORS of Saco had their photograph taken Thursday evening to commemorate 23 consecutive years of mayoralty terms without a break by death or moving from Saco. They are, seated, left to right, Harry A. Warren, 1952-55; Lewis G. Brock, 1939-40; Ralph L. Scamman, 1936-38; Gerry Nutting, 1941-42, and Charles S. Anthony, 1946. Standing, same order, are Myron E. Savage, 1947-51, Peter A. Garland, 1956-59, and Lawrence T. Dolby, 1943-45. Story on page 3.

## Eight Mayors Meet In Saco

Eight distinguished gentlemen center of operations for the Republic of Saco sat for their photograph Thursday night to commemorate their consecutive mayoralty terms without a break by death or moving from Saco since 1936. The record is soon to be broken by the transfer of one of them to the South by the Saco-Lowell shops.

Ralph L. Scamman, the senior past mayor, served in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Scamman live on the Loudon road in Saco where he operates a dairy farm on a full time basis. He is also still active in Saco city government, presently serving the city of Saco as tax assessor for a second year. He has one grandson in the Armed Forces.

Lewis G. Brock was mayor during 1939 and 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Brock have five children and 12 grandchildren. Brock recently retired from the Saco-Lowell shops. He and Mrs. Brock have been spending part of the winters in Florida and the summers at their home on the Ferry road in Saco where Brock keeps busy with a vegetable and flower garden.

Gerry B. Nutting served in 1941 and 1942. Nutting is a research engineer for Saco-Lowell and will be leaving within a few days to live in Clemson, N. C., the new

search Department of Saco-Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Nutting have been living on King street in Saco for several years. One son, William, lives now in Arizona. Their son, Wallace, a captain in the United States Army, has just returned from an assignment in Germany and will be stationed at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Nutting have six grandchildren.

Lawrence T. Dolby served in 1943, 1944 and 1945. He is a fire inspector for the Insurance Department of the State of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby and their four children live on Harrison avenue in Saco.

Charles S. Anthony was mayor in 1946, the first Democratic mayor since 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony have one son. They live across King street from the Nutting family during the winter, and operate the Shawscott for summer visitors at Bay View in Saco.

Myron E. Savage served the longest term of years, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951. He lives with one of his two sons on Thornton avenue in Saco, but may be found almost every day at his garden

an South street in Biddeford where he is currently battling the rainy weather to bring into bloom the 2600 gladioli bulbs he put in this spring. Savage has four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Harry A. Warren served in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Warren live on Winter street in Saco and have one son. Mr. Warren has served two terms as Representative from Saco to the State Legislature on the Democratic ticket and, although semi-retired, is busy most of the time in construction work as a carpenter.

Peter A. Garland, present mayor of Saco, served in 1956, January of 1959 for his fourth term. He is an executive of the Garland Manufacturing company in Saco and resides with Mrs. Garland and three children on North street, in Saco.

A photograph of these men for the Saco City hall has long been desired, and before the group would be permanently separated by the transfer of Nutting, arrangements were made by the Saco Republican City committee to obtain this historic record.





### Class Of 1908

All but one living member of the class of 1908 at Porter High School, Kezar Falls, were present for the annual alumni association meeting on Saturday evening. Front, left to right, are Charles H. Ridlon of Scarborough, Mrs. Amy Hussey, Miss Madeline Wakefield of Everett, Mass., Mrs. Ina Emery of Saco and Paul W. Stacy. Rear are Carleton T. Fox and Karl C. Stacy. Missing was Merton Gentleman of Glen Elder, Kan. (O. B. Denison Jr. Photo)

## Porter High Class Of '08 Observes 50th Anniversary

KEZAR FALLS — The Class of 1908, Porter High School, observed its 50th anniversary when the Porter High School Alumni Association met in the Methodist Church vestry Saturday night for the annual supper and business meeting.

There were about 80 members and guests present for the smorgasbord served by the committee, Miss Ruth West, Mrs. Barbara McGowen, Timothy Adams, Gordon Davis, Miss Marion Foster and Roger Stanley.

Miss West, president of the association, presided at the annual business meeting. The nominating committee, Mrs. Natalie C. Doe, Mrs. Helen F. Merrifield and Miss Erma E. Giles presented the names of Miss Kay Pierce for secretary and Mrs. Hope Stacey for treasurer. They were elected to serve during 1958-59. Mrs. Barbara McGowen was advanced to president and Timothy Adams to vice president.

A vote was taken to continue the \$100 scholarship presented annually to the senior boy or girl meeting certain qualifications. Miss Judith DeWitt received the scholarship in June and is entering the University of Maine in September.

It was voted that the teachers and the school committee with wives and husbands, be granted the privilege of attending the annual meeting in August if they so desire, purchasing their own tickets.

Mrs. McGowen will consult with the principal of the high

school, Horace O. McGowan, about some place in the building where the alumni records, banner and song books may be kept.

It was left with the executive board of the association to meet and make plans for a June banquet to honor the senior class. The event was canceled last June for various reasons. The annual meeting in August will be held on the third Saturday as usual.

At the conclusion of the business session, Miss West turned the meeting over to Mrs. Ina N. Emery who spoke for the Class of 1908. All living members of the class were present with the exception of one, Merton Gentleman who lives in Glen Elder, Kan. Present were Charles H. Ridlon of Scarborough, brothers Karl C. Stacy and Paul W. Stacy, Carleton T. Fox, Mrs. Amy Sawyer Hussey all of Kezar Falls, Miss Madeline Wakefield of Everett, Mass., and Mrs. Ina Stanley Emery of Saco and Kezar Falls.

Others at the table were Leon Hussey, Mrs. Carleton T. Fox, Mrs. Karl C. Stacy and Mrs. Paul W. Stacy. The table decorations included an anniversary cake depicting the "Little Red School House," and was made by Mrs. Teresa L. Fox.

Mrs. Emery and Miss Wakefield each spoke briefly and there were several pictures and other mementos of the class on display. A dance followed the supper and meeting at Garner Gym with an orchestra from Westbrook furnishing music.





**TO ATTEND CONCLAVE**—Mrs. Martha Herrin, left, Boom road, Saco, and Miss Geraldine Fenderson, Buxton road, Saco, are shown preparing to leave this morning on a trip to St. Louis, Mo.,

where they will attend the National Education Association convention beginning June 28. Mrs. Herrin and Miss Fenderson are teachers in Saco grammar schools.

## 2 Teachers Headed For Convention

Two Saco teachers will be leaving tomorrow morning for St. Louis, Mo., where they will attend the National Education Association convention which will take place June 28 to July 3.

Mrs. Martha Herrin, Boom road, Saco, and Miss Geraldine Fenderson, Buxton road, Saco, will be the participants in the convention. They will be among 5,000 official delegates to the NEA representative assembly, the governing body for the world's largest professional organization. Altogether, 10,000 persons are expected to attend the convention, participating in six days of discussions, speeches and meetings centering on the 1959 convention theme—quality in education.

The convention will open with an address by NEA President Ruth Stout on "Quality Teaching Windows on the World." Other key speakers will be Charles H. Malik, president of the General Assembly of the United Nations; John Gardner, president of the Carnegie Foundation; and the presidents of other colleges and universities.



## Saco Area Superintendent Named To New U. Of M. Post

SACO—Veteran school administrator Cecil J. Cutts is resigning Sept. 1 as superintendent of the Saco-Old Orchard Beach union to take a newly-created post at the University of Maine in Orono.

Cutts, a 57-year-old Portland native, will be assistant director of student aid under Robert Worrick, present director. The university states the new post is being created to handle the increased student aid granted under the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and more scholarships.

In addition Cutts will be counselor for foreign students and in charge of the annual High School and Parents Days.

In his letter of resignation, Cutts, a veteran of 34 years public school service, told Walter Lumb Jr., chairman of the joint Saco-Old Orchard Beach committee, that:

"My 11 years in the Saco-Old Orchard Beach union have been busy and interesting ones. I've respected and admired the many committee members with whom I have been associated, for their good judgment and unselfish work.

"Mrs. Cutts and I wish to extend our personal thanks for the kindness of all through the years."

During Cutts' administration here, both communities have undertaken ambitious programs of school improvements and school building.

Most recently completed was the \$330,000 Theodore T. Young Elementary School here. Prior to that was the C. K. Burns Elementary School annex of eight rooms and cafeteria of \$160,000.

At Old Orchard Beach, the town built the eight class-



Cecil J. Cutts

Bates College in Lewiston and at the state university. He holds a state superintendent's certificate and a second school certificate (mathematics) in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutts live at 248 North St. here. They have one daughter, Ann, Mrs. William Cook of Chicago, Ill.

He is a member of the American Assn. of School Administrators, life member of the New England Assn., a member of the New England Superintendents Assn., past president of the Somerset County Teachers Assn., York Teachers and Central Maine School Masters Club. He is also a past member of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, is a Mason and attends the Congregational church.

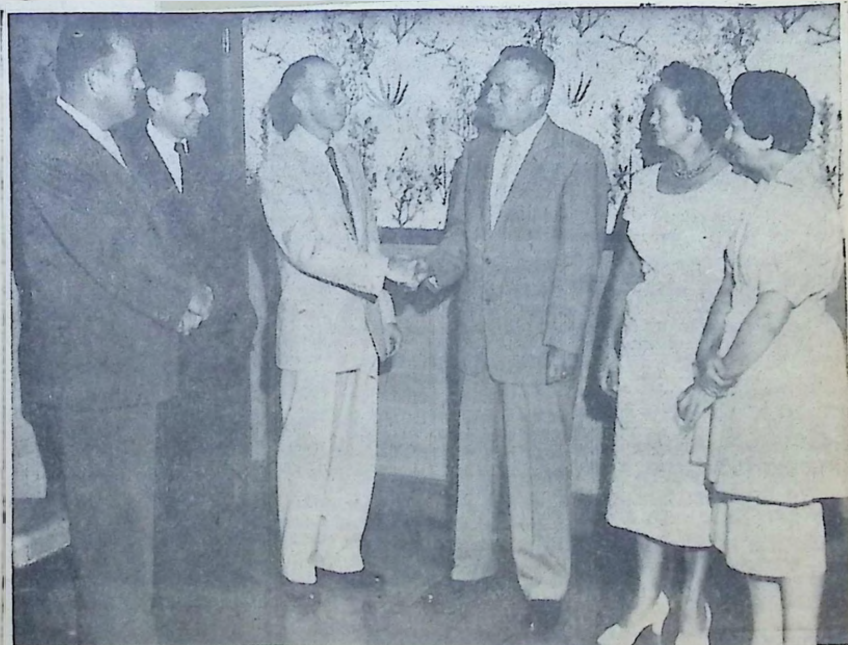
## Cecil J. Cutts Will Retire As Superintendent



Cecil J. Cutts

Cecil J. Cutts, superintendent of Saco and Old Orchard Beach schools, has announced his retirement after 11 years service at his position. Cutts has retired to take a post at the University of Maine.

Superintendent Cutts began his duties in the local area in 1948, after four years as superintendent of schools in Oakland. Since that time he has been prominent in several building projects in the



A SURPRISE FAREWELL testimonial honoring Cecil J. Cutts, Saco and Old Orchard Beach superintendent of schools, who has accepted a position at the University of Maine, was held last night at the Wonderbar, Biddeford. Taking part in the ceremonies were, left to right, Raymond Hobbins, president of the Saco Parent-Teacher

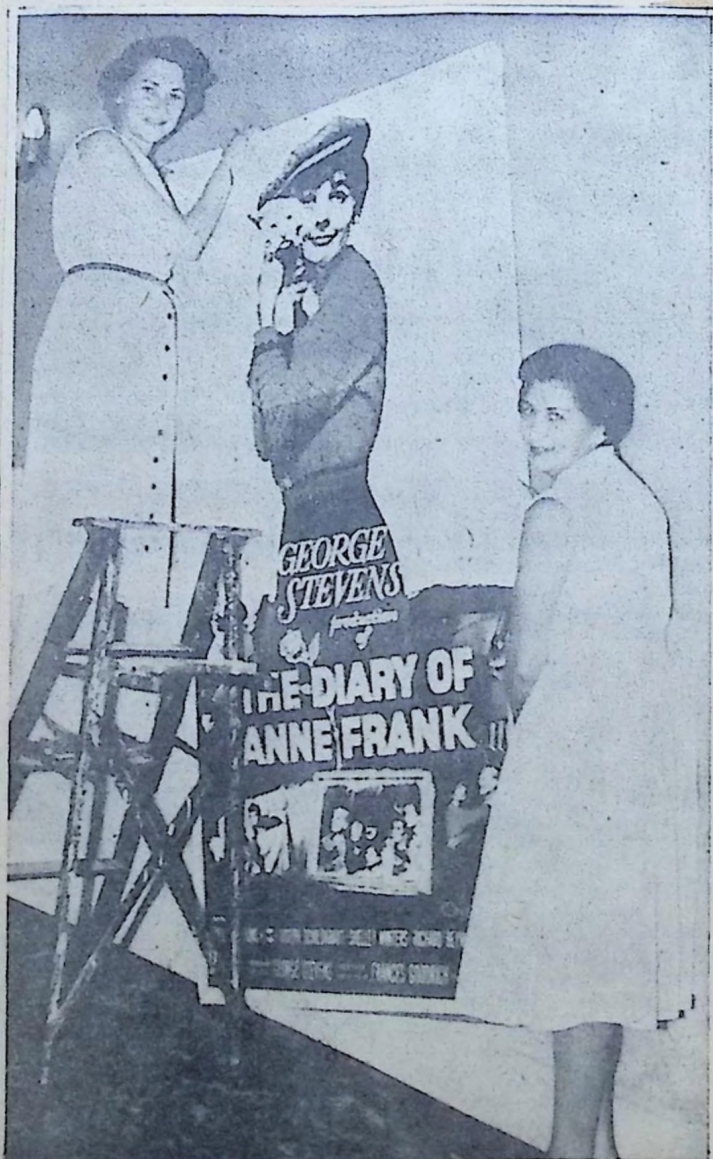
association; Joseph Grondin, a member of the Saco school board; Donald Libby, president of the Saco Teachers association and master of ceremonies for the evening; Mr. and Mrs. Cutts, and Mrs. Irving Chelder, a member of the school board.





THE YOUNGSTERS who attended the summer school program at Sweetser school, Saco, wound up their activities for the season yesterday with a circus on the school grounds. Many came in costumes of animals and historical characters and among them were the two groups shown here. In the circus ring in the foreground are, left to right, sitting, Mickie Strout, lady for a day; Anne Pollock, elephant costume, and Dianne Harrington, a Chinese lady.

Standing, Gisele Cuttle, cowgirl; Buddy Harmon and Michael Aube, the ringmasters; Linda Perreault, fortune-teller; Bobby Ouellette, the clown, and Eileen Durante, a gypsy girl. In the background are three Indians, Patsy Paradis, Robert Bilodeau and Susan McIntyre; the lemonade booth chairmen Doris Durante and Doria Harmon, and Miss Virginia Munroe, the playground instructor, in charge of Vickie Landoux of the carriage trade.



ARRANGING POSTERS for the benefit performances of the movie, "The Diary of Anne Frank," at the Mutual theater in Saco, Aug. 19, at 7 and 9 p. m., are these project chairmen of the Biddeford-Saco Hadassah chapter, which is sponsoring the affair. In the photo are Mrs. Jon Nathanson, left, unit president, and Mrs. Irving Chelder, committee chairman.



# Saco OK's School Bus Policy

## To Continue Pattern Of Past Years

Private school pupils will continue to be transported in school buses this year the Superintendent School committee announced today.

A statement released by committee Chairman Walter Lumb stated that "the transportation of children to Saco schools will continue this year as in the past." Pupils in private schools have been riding in city chartered school buses for many years.

The committee decision is based on a legal opinion handed down by Saco City Solicitor George Brickates last week.

Brickates said that in his opinion it was not a question of appropriating public funds for the transporting of private school pupils but whether or not such pupils should be transported, at no cost to the taxpayer, in buses chartered to carry public school pupils. Charter fees were not based on the number of pupils carried, he noted.

The State Supreme court has ruled, in a case involving the use of school buses in Augusta, that public funds cannot be appropriated for transporting private school pupils. Saco has made no such provision, Brickates said, and would have no right to do so. The Augusta decision, in his opinion, does not apply to Saco, the solicitor stated.

The Superintending School committee postponed its decision until today to give members time to study the Brickates opinion.

## Classes To Start Sept. 9 For Saco Public Schools

Public schools in Saco will begin session Wednesday, September 9, according to an announcement today by Superintendent of Schools Cecil J. Cutts.

The school calendar has been divided into three terms which are: a 64-day period between September 7 and December 4; a second term, December 7 to March 18, and including 59 or 60 school days; and a third term from March 21 to June 17, which includes 60 school days.

During the fall term the calendar will run as follows: Wednesday, September 9, schools open; October 29-30, Maine Teachers convention, Nov. 11, Veterans Day; November 26-29, Thanksgiving holidays; December 14, City election (no school for Locke, Sweetser and Bonython schools); December 18, schools close for Christmas vacation.

The winter term includes January 4, schools open; February 19, schools close for a week vacation; February 29, schools open; April 15, schools close at noon for Good Friday and remain closed the following week for vacation.

During the spring term, school will open April 25; May 2, York County Teachers convention;

May 30, Memorial Day; June 17, schools close for summer vacation.

Fifty teachers, six special teachers, and one superintending principal are slated for service in the five public schools. At the Burns school will be Carleton Robbins, principal; Charles Clark, industrial arts; Albert Searway, physical education; Mrs. Ina Emery, music; Mrs. Esther Emmons, home economics; Miss Mary McLaughlin, nurse; Miss Loretta Robitaille, French; Mrs. Jean Clark, grade 5 and assistant principal; Mrs. Martha Herrin, Mrs. Mary Palmer, grade five.

Also at Burns school will be Mrs. Bertha Russell, Miss Nancy Tarbox, Mrs. Stella Turner, and Mrs. Patricia Roy, grade six; Mrs. Phyllis Borden, Mrs. Margaret Emmons, Mrs. Mary Thur-

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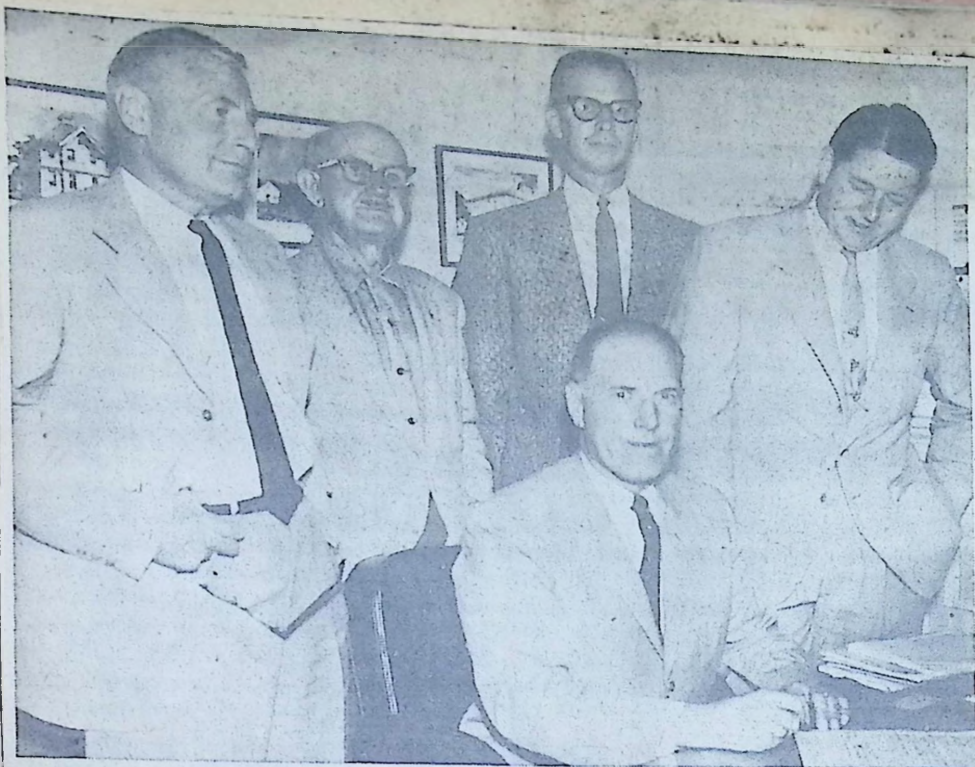
## Saco Receives Sharp Raise In School Subsidy

The Saco State subsidy for general purpose aid for schools will be sharply increased this fall over the original designated amount according to Superintendent C. J. Cutts. The School department has received notice to the effect that the December allocation will be \$81,097.

The previous amount which checked with the State, based on the 1956 state valuation for Saco and used in the preparation of the budget, was \$66,251. The new subsidy represents an increase of \$41,846 over originally planned amounts and will now permit the committee to complete necessary repairs and equipment purchases which had been postponed.

The change in amounts is due to one of the last acts of the current legislature in ordering the subsidization to the several towns and cities of Maine to be based on the 1958 state valuations rather than the 1956 valuation. The City of Saco dropped in valuation from \$24,800,000 to \$24,100,000 from 1956 to 1958.





**SIGNING A CONTRACT** is newly appointed superintendent of Saco and Old Orchard Beach schools, Dr. Frank D. Lawler. Lawler was named to the post Saturday by the Saco-Old Orchard Beach School Union committee. He is replacing Cecil J. Cutts, who is resigning to accept a post

with the University of Maine. Shown above are, seated, Dr. Lawler, and standing, left to right, Cutts; Benjamin Downes, secretary of the school Union; Carleton Robbins, newly-appointed curriculum coordinator for Saco schools and principal of Burns and Young schools; and Walter Lumb, chairman of the union.

## Saco-Old Orchard School Superintendent Is Named

*Aug. 31, 1959*

Dr. Frank D. Lawler, 54, has been appointed superintendent of Saco-Old Orchard Beach schools according to an announcement by the school union. Dr. Lawler was named at a meeting of the union members Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Lawler will replace Cecil J. Cutts, who will begin his duties at the University of Maine tomorrow. He is a graduate of Gorham Normal school, the University of Maine with a B.S. degree in education, University of Maine with a master's degree in Education and Calvin Coolidge College, Boston, where he received his doctor's degree. Dr. Lawler also has 16 credits at Harvard University, eight at Yale University, and three each at New York University and the University of Connecticut. He also attended St. Lawrence University and Trinity college.

The new superintendent has been teaching principal at Milbridge, 1927-29; and Conway, N.H., 1929-32; principal of three elementary schools and member of the school building committee at Unionville, Conn., 1934-39; principal of the Unionville secondary schools, 1939-45; superintendent of schools at Deep River, Conn., 1945-48, and Winsted, Conn., 1948-53; superintendent at Manchester and Essex, Mass., 1953-56; and recently was superintendent at Westminster, Mass.

Dr. Lawler has been responsible for establishment of special schools for mentally retarded pupils, remedial reading programs, parent - teacher conferences, and growth-in-service programs for teachers. He has revised curriculums, improved audio - visual programs, and developed rules and regulations for several boards of education.

Dr. Lawler has been a member of the New England School Development Education council and the Tri-State (Connecticut, New York, New Jersey) conference. He has been chairman of National Library week, a committee member of the March of Dimes, and chairman of the Red Cross drive. He is or has been a member of the American Association of School Administrators, New England Association of Superintendents, Massachusetts School Superintendents Association, Worcester County Superintendents Association, and the Massachusetts Schoolmasters club.

Dr. Lawler is married and has two boys Dale, a first lieutenant in the Army, and James, a high school senior.

Walter Lumb, speaking in behalf of the school union, said they were "very happy that Dr. Lawler has accepted the post and we feel that with his educational background and experience he will be a great asset to the Saco-Old Orchard Beach schools."

Carleton Robbins was appointed by the Saco Superintending School committee as curriculum co-ordinator for the Saco schools at the meeting Saturday afternoon.

He will at the same time continue as principal of Burns and Young schools.

Franklin Thompson was appointed as an assistant at the Young School "B" section. Thompson is a sixth grade instructor at the school.



## Dr. Frank D. Lawler Appointed Saco, OOB Schools Superintendent

SACO — Dr. Frank D. Lawler, 54, of Westminister, Mass., has been named superintendent of schools for this city and Old Orchard Beach.

Lawler will succeed Cecil J. Cutts who resigned this summer to accept a newly created position at the University of Maine.

Lawler is a graduate of Gorham Normal School, the University of Maine with a B.S. in Education, the University of Connecticut with a Masters in Education, and earned his doctorate at Calvin Coolidge College. He has done graduate work at Trinity College, University of Connecticut, St. Lawrence, New York, Yale and Harvard Universities.

His teaching experience started in 1927 as teacher-principal at Milbridge Grammar School. He held a similar position at Conway, N.H. until 1932. He has been principal at Unionville, Conn., and superintendent at Deep River and then Winsted, Conn., for the Manchester and Essex, Mass., Union, and since 1956 at Westminister. He has also served on school building committees in Unionville and Manchester-Essex.

During his educational career, Doctor Lawler has established special school for mentally retarded pupils, remedial reading program, parent-teacher conferences, growth-in-service program for teachers, as well as making improvement on the audio-visual program, curriculum revisions, and development of rules, regulations and policies for boards of education.

His associations include re-direction of Secondary Education, Acceleration-Enrichment; Tri-State Conference of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey; cochairman of National Library Week, and library trustee; served on March of Dimes Committee; Greater Gardner Area of Retarded



Children, and has headed a Red Cross drive.

His education organizations include the A. A. S. A., New England Association of Superintendents, Massachusetts School Superintendents Association, Worcester County Superintendents Association, and Massachusetts Schoolmasters Club.

Doctor Lawler is married and has two children.

He will take over his new duties Wednesday, according to Walter Lumb Jr., chairman of the Joint Union Committee.

### Perfect Slumber, That Of A Child

SACO — Tommy Sawyer, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alen E. Sawyer, 10 Winter St., Extension, slept blissfully early this morning while:

Lightning hit a drain spout on the house, knocked it off as it ran down, punched a hole in the corner of the house and ran along the wall of Tom's bedroom popping holes. It then went into the bathroom where it knocked off a tile, then left via the bath tub drain or wiring.

A fuse serving the circuit in the youths' room was completely blown out.

Tom didn't wake up until his parents came in to get him, fearing there might be fire.

But firemen said the holes and the home as a whole, including the wiring, showed no signs of burns whatsoever.

### Teacher Meetings Set In Saco Area

SACO — The dates and times for general meetings of teachers here and in Old Orchard Beach have been listed by Supt. Frank D. Lawler.

Here, the general meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Young School, with the principals. Meetings will be in the various schools at 1:30 p.m. with the exception of the Young School session which will be at 2:30 p.m.

At Old Orchard Beach, the general meeting will be Monday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jameson School. The meetings with principals at the various schools will be at 2 p.m.



# Pupil Enrollment Generally Jumps Classes Underway In Biddeford-Saco

For adults this was just another sunny fall day but for thousands of children in the twin city area it was The Day—the beginning of the new school year.

Total school enrollments in both public and parochial schools were generally up over last year. Roughly 1,500 pupils are expected to attend Biddeford public schools this year compared to approximately 1,300 last year. Saco reports a public school enrollment of 1,524, exclusive of Thornton academy, slightly below last year. More registrations are expected through the week and the final total is expected to be slightly above last year's mark.

The principal innovation in school pupils in Augusta was il-

Biddeford was the split session that goes into effect this year. High school classes will be held in the morning. Junior High classes in the afternoon. School Superintendent Paul Larrabee reports that 295 pupils attended Senior High school this morning with 293 pupils expected at the Junior High school session.

## Carried By Bus

The transportation of private school pupils on city chartered buses was carried on today in both Biddeford and Saco, as in past years. A State Supreme court ruling a few months ago that the appropriation of public funds for the transportation of private

legal, stirred up a controversy. Saco authorities said they felt the court decision did not apply to Saco and that private school children would continue to ride on city chartered buses. Shortly after Biddeford officials announced that they would follow the same policy.

Breaking the enrollment figures down: for Biddeford elementary schools, Emery school, 203; Washington street school, 205; Wentworth street school, 44; Bradbury street school, 102.

In Saco, Thornton academy reports a total of 635, an increase of 25 over last year. Enrollments for Saco elementary schools, are, Burns school, 537; Young school, A section 154, B section 205; Bonython school, 158; Sweetser school, 166; Jordan school, 150, and Locke school, 150.

Close to 4,000 pupils are expected to attend parochial elementary and high schools in the twin cities this year.

St. Louis High school reports an enrollment of 265 with approximately 105 pupils registered at the grammar school.

Notre Dame school reports a total of 504 pupils, 266 boys and 238 girls, an increase of nine over the 495 registered last year.

There are 284 pupils registered at St. Mary grammar school.

At St. Andre there are 169 girls registered in the high schools, and 332 girls and 137 boys at the sisters' school. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart report an increase in the number of their pupils from 190 last year to 195 as of today.

## Reception Is Planned For Frank Lawler

A reception for the new Saco-Old Orchard Beach superintendent of schools, Frank D. Lawler, will be held September 22 at the Burns school cafeteria.

Raymond Hobbins, president of the Saco Parent-Teacher association, announced the meeting date of the association has been changed from September 15 to the 22 at 8 p. m., for the reception.

Saco city officials and members of the superintending school committee have been invited to attend.

A board meeting will be held September 15 at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Robert Warner, 105 King street, Saco.





## Clearing House Picnic Attracts Over 100

One of the busy tables during the picnic hour was this one occupied by, left to right, around the table, Deborah Bedard, who is making short work of a turkey bone; Wilbrod Bedard, Saco; Mrs. Tena Ellis, Arrowsic; Mr. and Mrs. Emerson B. Glidden, Bath; Mrs. Wilbrod Bedard, "Mrs. Overeater" and

Mrs. Edith Pinkham, Westbrook, "Christmas Card Paperer." She's the woman who papered her bedroom with Christmas cards, using a total of 782 cards to complete the job. All picnickers wrote a Round Robin letter which will be published in Wednesday's column. (Photos by Jack Quinn)

## Saco Teachers Group<sup>9/29</sup> May Form Credit Union

The Saco Teachers association opened the fall session last night with a supper meeting in the School street Methodist church, Saco, with 40 members present. The program included a welcome and introduction of the new superintendent, Dr. Frank Lawler, and the new teachers in Saco who were present for the meeting.

The faculty group recognized included Mrs. Barbara Hooper, Miss Mary Emmons and Mrs. Hilda Libby, all from the Young school; Mrs. Laurette Robitaille, the new French instructor of Grades 3 to 8; Miss Pauline Deschambeault, Jordan school, and Howard Cushman of the Burns school.

Greeting the special guests in behalf of the association was as

President Donald Libby, who presided at the meeting. He also explained the referendum bill coming before the voters on October 12.

Addressing the group was Mrs. Bertha Russell who reported on the leaders conference at Machias and other educational sessions this summer and Franklin Thompson, a Saco PTA officer and assistant principal at Young school, who outlined some of the PTA goals for this year.

It was voted to take a poll of those interested in the teachers credit union and report on it later to the group.

The supper preceding the business session was in charge of the women's group of the Saco church with Mrs. Linette Martin as supper chairman.

## These changing times

Here are the changes that have taken place in the pattern of our population during the past 10 years:

13 million people have died.

16 million marriages have taken place.

Some 39 million babies have been born.

Over one-third of all present families in the U. S. have been formed.

Then consider the changing impact of our economy of different thoughts and experiences of our population as it travels down the road of time:

Out of the 170-odd million people in the U. S. today, 71% do not remember World War I.

44% do not remember what conditions were like before World War II.

57% have no personal recollection of what a major depression is like.

40% cannot remember Russia as an active ally of the U. S.—AMA News.





RECEIVES DEGREE

Miss M. Ardell Elwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Elwell of Buxton, has been awarded the Degree of Doctorate of Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, in the field of Speech. Dr. Elwell taught in Portland from 1941 to 1951 and on the summer programs at Gorham and Farmington State Teachers Colleges. She left Portland High School to teach Speech at Paterson State Teachers College, Paterson, N.J., where she will be a full professor this fall and head of the new department of Speech and Dramatics which she was instrumental in establishing. Dr. Elwell received her early education from Gorham Teachers College and her bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire. Active in the Young Women's Christian Assn., Dr. Elwell has been a summer camp director at the Y camp in York. She is a member of the American Assn. of University Women.

Miss Geraldine Fenderson, principal of the Bonython school, Saco, is leaving tonight for Washington, D. C., to attend the weekend sessions of new representatives from the principal's section. She is state representative of the National Department of School Principals.



THE SCHOOL MOTHERS of the Saco Parent-Teacher association met last night with Mrs. Lloyd B. Trecartin, chairman, for a briefing on their new duties and to make plans for the year.

Those present were, left to right, Mrs. Robert Lockhart, Mrs. Richard F. Stickney, Mrs. Wilfred Buck, Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Mrs. Trecartin and Mrs. Gary Hill. Story on page 2.

## Saco Adds Another Junior Primary Class

A Junior Primary class has been added because of increased registration in Saco, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank D. Lawler announced today.

The new class began this morning at the Young school. It was decided to add the class at last night's Superintending School committee meeting in the superintendent's office.

Saco had originally planned for 160 junior primary students to be accommodated in classes at the Sweetser, Jordan and Locke schools. A registration of 189 junior primary students necessitated the addition of a new class.

The Young school class will be taught by Mrs. Edna Stackpole and will be a morning session only. Other routine changes are being made in the higher grades as students are transferred as nearly as possible to the school nearest their homes.

Dr. Lawler said that registration in Saco schools this year was roughly 1,553, although no accurate figures could be quoted as his department is still receiving registration and transfer reports.

In other committee action, Dr. Lawler presented a report on the summer repair work carried out at the Saco schools, and it was decided that all schools would close October 12, because of state elections.

Plans for the Adult Education program were also discussed. Complete plans are not ready to be released as yet, but Sidney Griffith, submaster at Thornton academy, will continue as director of the evening school program. Initial plans call for 15-week two hour courses to be offered this year.

Carleton Robbins, curriculum co-ordinator of the Saco schools, presented an outline of courses planned over the year to the committee.

It was voted to complete the resurfacing of the C. K. Burns school yard at a cost up to \$300.

A new 60-passenger school bus, purchased by Joseph Moreau, was inspected by State Police yesterday and began service today.

## Saco Grammar School Classes Change Rooms

Saco grammar school students at C. K. Burns, Young and Bonython have been affected by classroom changes this week, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank D. Lawler reports.

A fourth grade class at Bonython will move to the all-purpose room at the Burns school. This will make one fourth grade class, three fifth grade classes, six seventh grade classes and five eighth grade classes at the Burns school.

The additional junior primary class announced earlier in the week at the Young school will be taught at the Bonython school. All moves will be completed by Monday, Dr. Lawler said.

## Committee Reviews Saco School Budget

The Saco Superintending School committee reviewed the school budget at a meeting in the Superintendent of Schools office last night. The budget review was made in order to obtain an idea of the school committee's finances for the year.

Dr. Frank Lawler reported on his meeting with school principals and discussed the object of the school program in Saco.



## Schools A. Saco Beach To Close For Referendum

Public schools in Saco and Old Orchard Beach will be closed Monday, October 12, due to the special referendum elections, it was announced today. Thornton academy officials said classes would be held Monday as usual.

In Saco, the polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. Voters from Ward 1 and 5 will vote at Sweetser school, from Wards 3 and 6 at the Locke school, Ward 4 at the Bonython school and Wards 2 and 7 will vote at the Saco city building.

Polls will also be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. at Old Orchard Beach, with voters casting their ballots at the High school. In addition to the five state-wide referendum questions, Old Orchard Beach voters will be asked whether or not they wish to accept a civil service act for the Old Orchard Beach Police department.



STUDENTS AT the Young school, Saco, participated in a Fire Prevention week program at the school yesterday under the direction of Chief Arthur Emmons. Two features of the program were a demonstration of how the ladder truck operates and a school drill. Pictured with the truck were representatives from every class in the school including, front row, left to right,

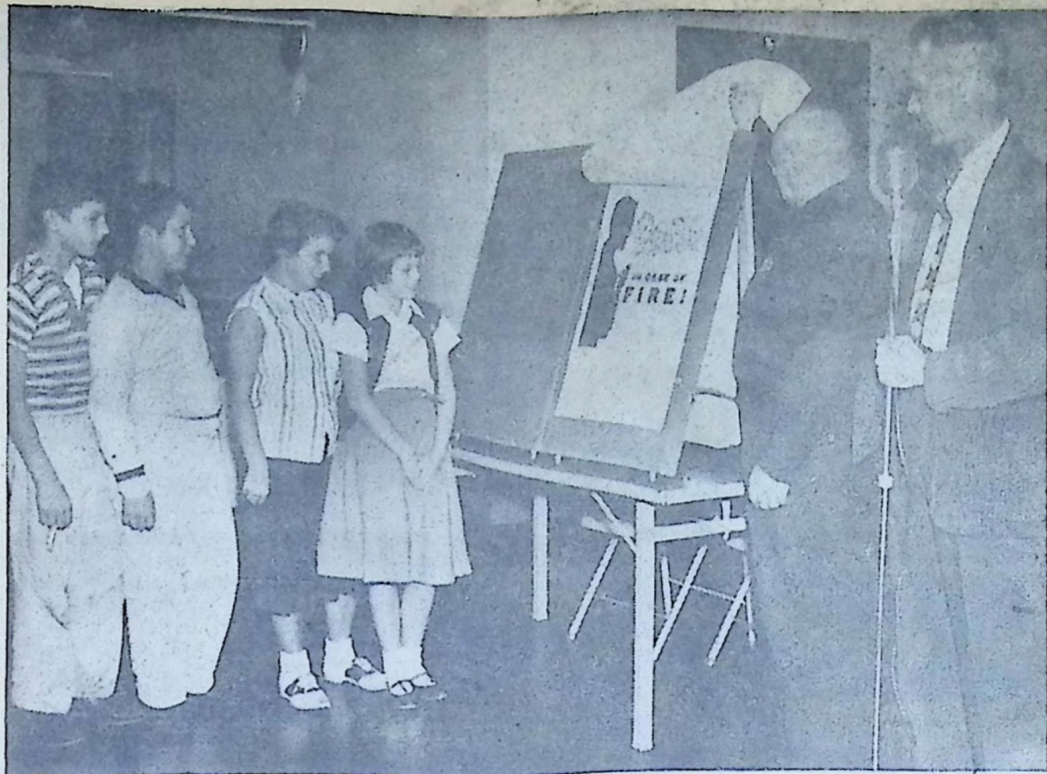
Linwood Pooler, Alan Savage, Lawrence Merserve, William McCoombs and Harold Lavoie. Second row, Fireman Oscar Perkins, Fire Chief Emmons, Thomas Willey, Reed Pike, Roger Macomber, Timothy Noyes, Thomas Crogan and Fireman Henry Perreault. On truck, Gary Tapley, Richard Theriault, Roger Anderson and Kenneth Lovejoy.



LEARNING FIRST-HAND about fire prevention and safety methods yesterday were the students of Grade 2 of Sweetser school, Saco, as they visited the Saco Fire station. The trip was to emphasize Fire Prevention Week now being observed in the state. Students attending were, front row, left to right, James Wilcox, Roger Bergeron, Carl Noyes, Ricky Gagnon, Kevin Savage, Norman Means, David Leslie, Stanley Charles and Lee Roberts. Second row, Tommy Plante, Billy Wagner, Peter Mazeiko, David Zolenski, Chris-

tine Noyes, Nancy Abbott, Kristi Ledoux, Lynda Freeman, Priscilla Murray, Barbara Tracy, Pamela Buck, Karen Sparkowich and Susan Nicholas. Third row, Michael Spanliding, James DeVona, Larry Hadlaris, Donald Morrison, Bobby Ouellette, Charles Hanson and Randy Forester. Fourth row, Tommy Otis, Candace Noyes and Linda Townsend. Back row, Mrs. Bernice Foye, the teacher, and Fire Truck Driver Ernest Ouellette.





ATTENDING and participating in a fire prevention program yesterday at the C. K. Burns school, Saco, were students and fire officials including, front row, left to right, Roger Camire, Harry Vlahaks, Rachel Campen and Faye Herbert, all of Grade 7, Saco Fire Chief Arthur Emmons and Lawrence Dolby, Saco, Maine State Fire Insurance official and guest speaker. The

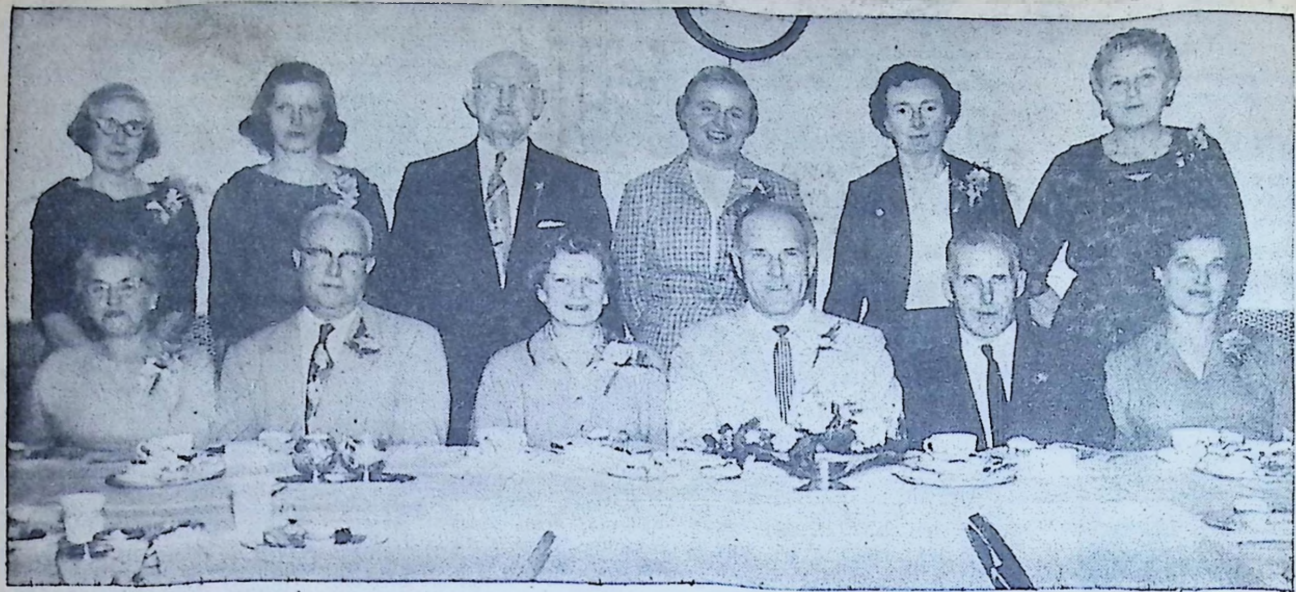
program was in observance of Fire Prevention Week being celebrated this week in Maine. Over 570 students of Burns school were formed into three separate groups yesterday for the chart and lecture periods in the school cafeteria. Arrangements were in charge of Principal Carleton Robbins. Other programs will be held in the Saco schools this week in conjunction with fire safety.



VISITING BAGLEY'S market. Saco, yesterday in conjunction with class study on social and food subjects, were the third grade pupils of Sweetser school, Saco, and their teacher, Mrs. Ella Russell. Accompanying the group as chaperones were Mrs. Rita Petrin and Mrs. Jean Benson, PTA room mothers. The pupils will make posters showing how the market supplies food in the community. These present included, front row, left to right, Charles Hedinis, Richard

Frechette, Steven Butts, Alan Brown, Brad Cuttle and Richard Hanson. Second row, Carol Kimball, Susan Pollock, Sharon Petrin, Veneta Tsonides, Lonnie Gove. Third row, Dave Morrison, Robert Chamberlain, Janet Knight, Diane Fields, Donna DeVonna, Ricky Roy and David Tito. Fourth row, Debra Johnson, Diane Bergeron, Deborah Means, Deborah Forrester and Sylvia Fogg.





**THE OLD ORCHARD BEACH** teachers reception at the high school took place last night with members and guests of the Old Orchard Parent-Teacher association filling the hall for the traditional ceremonies. School board members, the superintendent and the teachers of Old Orchard were introduced and a corsage-pinning ceremony for the teachers took place. Participating were, front row, left to

right, Mrs. Herbert Bean and Principal Bean of the high school; Mrs. Frank Lawler and Supt. Lawler, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wyman. Back row, Miss Heler Marshall, Mrs. Edward Smith, Benjamin Drown, Miss Barbara Flanagan, Mrs. Margaret Simpson and Miss Catherine Neilon.



**A RECEPTION** and dinner party, honoring the new superintendent of Old Orchard Beach schools and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lawler, took place last night at St. John-by-the-Sea Episcopal church parish hall, sponsored by the Old Orchard Beach Teachers association. Those

participating in the ceremonies included, left to right, Principal Herbert Bean of Old Orchard High school, the master of ceremonies; Dr. and Mrs. Lawler, the guests of honor, and Miss Barbara Flanagan, president of the Teachers association. Story on page 3.

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**CLASS HEARS POET** — Poet Sarah Bridge Graves, Saco, lectured on poetry and read selections from her book "The Short-Tailed Whale" yesterday at Burn school, Saco, in observance of Poetry week. She was the guest of

the fifth grade students of the school and is shown exhibiting the new book during the poetry hour. In the photo, left to right, Pamela Pendleton, Mrs. Graves, Sharon Fortney, Clifford Thibodeau and George Weston.

The Saco Adult evening classes at Thornton Academy are one of the most progressive steps forward, education-wise, in this area. It offers both residents and non-residents an opportunity to brush up on a course they need in their present position or prepare for a new line of work. And all for the amazingly low sum of \$5 which is the registration fee.

Last year, a man who was unemployed, invested one of his meagre \$5 in a business course there. It proved to be the best money he spent for at the end of the course he was hired and went to work, happier than he and his family had been for months.

In another case, one who was studying at the night school was given an advancement before completing the course. This is the type of personnel management is looking for, one who is willing to learn or improve.

Registration for the courses is still open Monday night at Thornton Academy, it is reported by the Adult Education committee. It's worth investigating, both old and young, for there are only one type of students in present-day education, those who are willing to learn. Notices of the courses were sent home this week to parents of Saco youngsters, we discovered. Are you one of those who will be there next week?

## Saco Classes Continuing

Saco Adult Education Director Sidney Griffith announced that evening courses in Saco would continue this year after a heavy registration at the opening of the classes last night.

Griffith said close to 60 persons registered for courses last night to bring the total enrollment in the evening school classes close to 150. The demand was so great,

after a slow start which had the directors considering cancelling the courses, that another class in Typing 1 has been added Wednesday evening. Some openings still exist in this class and registrations will be accepted until the opening of classes Wednesday night at 7.

Griffith said the people of Saco and the surrounding areas had proven they wanted and would

support an adult evening education course in Saco by the registration. The courses will now be able to operate in the black. He also praised, along with members of the committee "the tremendous public service the Biddeford-Saco Journal performed in backing the efforts of the Adult Education committee in obtaining its goal."





PICTURED above are Burns school mothers in charge of refreshments, for the Saco PTA reception tonight. From left to right Mrs. Lloyd Anderson, Mrs. Harry Garland, Mrs. Ralph Larochele, chairman, and Mrs. Nicholas Scon-

tras. Also on the committee are Mrs. Lawrence Lumb, Mrs. Linwood Brown, Mrs. Warren Peterson, Mrs. Robert LaFond, Mrs. James Hickey, Mrs. Ralph Meserve, Mrs. Beatrice Mogan, and Mrs. Irving Zaitlin.

## Saco Schools To Hold Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be inaugurated in the Saco School system in the near future, Dr. Frank D. Lawler, superintendent of schools, announced today. Preliminary meetings with the faculties of the schools have been held, Dr. Lawler noted and the value of such conferences was explained by him to the Saco PTA last night.

The program was explained as follows: "The Saco schools will hold one session on certain days to be announced soon, and the conferences will be scheduled from 1 to 3 in the afternoon, with 25 minutes allotted by appointment to each parent or guardian to spend with his child's teacher. At this time, the teacher will have the opportunity to gain

better understanding of the child, and the parent will be more informed about the school." The advantages of such parent-teacher conferences are numerous, Dr. Lawler stated. "In all cases it will be a reciprocal report, the parent telling about the pupils' activities outside the school as well as hearing the teacher's report about what the pupil accomplishes in school."

There are problems of direct co-operation with parents, such as keeping them informed about the child's experiences at school and planning ways by which home and school can help the child to overcome any difficulties that may exist. There is evidence that a teacher can work more effectively if she knows the psychological and sociological background of her pupils. It is hoped that at least two conferences can be held each year.

"The students will carry home a questionnaire which will ask of the parents or guardians co-operation in setting up the conference. The parent or guardian will be asked to indicate which day will be best for him to go to school and then to check the time which would be most convenient to hold the conference."

"Through the report conference it is possible for parents and teachers to share their understandings in a way that will add much to the child's life both at home and at school," Dr. Lawler concluded.





NEW TEACHERS welcomed at the reception of the Saco Parent-Teacher association Tuesday night at Burns school cafeteria, Saco. Included, front row, left to right, Miss Mary Emmons, Young school; Howard Cushman, Burns schools, and Miss Pauline Deschambault, Jordan school.

Back row, Mrs. Hilda Libby, Young school; Miss Loretta Robitaille, French teacher for the elementary schools; Miss Barbara Hooper and Mrs. Ann Fortin, both of Young school. Corsages were presented to all the teachers during special ceremonies and the program included a panel hour.

## Saco PTA Greets Teachers

Over 200 members and guests of the Saco Parent-Teacher association attended the traditional October teachers' reception Tuesday evening in Burns school cafeteria, Saco, when the educational leaders were feted and accorded special recognition during the evening.

Individual recognition of teachers took place and a corsage-pinning ceremony was included on the program. Teachers present included:

Burns School: Carleton Robbins, Charles Clark, Albert Searway, Mrs. Ina Emery, Mrs. Esther Emmons, Miss Mary McLaughlin, Miss Loretta Robitaille, Mrs. Jean Clark, Mrs. Martha Herrin, Mrs. Mary Palmer, Mrs. Bertha Russell, Miss Nancy Tarbox, Mrs. Stella Turner, Mrs. Patricia Roy, Mrs. Phyllis Borden, Mrs. Margaret Emmons, Mrs. Mary Thurston, Donald Libby, Howard Cushman, Miss Elaine White, Miss Agnes Cunningham, Miss Velma Gibbs, W. Earl Young, William Bogas, Miss Sylvia Johnson and Mrs. Virginia Gay.

Young School—Miss Sara Emmons, Mrs. Josephine DeRocher, Miss Barbara Hooper, Mrs. Paullette Ingalls, Mrs. Thelma Kallock, Miss Mary Emmons, Mrs. Ann Fortier, Miss Sarah Haines, Mrs. Ethel Rodgers, Miss Mabel Fanning, Mrs. Ruby Hannaford, Mrs. Donald Libby, Franklin Thompson, Mrs. Hilda Libby.

Bonython School—Miss Geraldine Fenderson, Mrs. Gertrude Clark, Mrs. Edna Sanborn, Miss Charlotte O'Leary, Mrs. Phyllis Sanborn, Miss Irene Anagnostis.

Sweetser School: Mrs. Ila Russell, Mrs. Bernice Foye, Miss Flora Clukey, Miss Lenora Berry.

Jordan School: Miss Helen Finn, Miss Pauline Deschambault, Mrs. Louise McCarn, Mrs. Ethelyn Hill.

Locke School: Mrs. Erma Croxford, Mrs. Madeleine Davis, Mrs. Althea Carson, Miss Ruth Hussey.

The introduction of special guests by Franklin Thompson, program chairman of the evening, included members of the superintending school committee who were Walter Lumb, chairman, Mrs. Irving Chelder and Joseph Grondin.

Mrs. Chelder described the hot lunch program which serves over 500 children at present. The program is supervised by Mrs. Beatrice Hobbs and the lunches are prepared at the Burns school.

Chairman Lumb reported on school transportation and the cost and number of school buses and Committeeman Grondin reported on the maintenance programs of the schools. He commended the custodians of each school on their personal support and work projects around the Saco schools.

The new superintendent of schools, Dr. Frank Lawler, was introduced to the assembly and he commented briefly on the new parent-teacher conference program which will soon go into effect in Saco schools. The schedule calls for a 25-minute conference twice a year during three consecutive afternoons between parents and teachers. The purpose is to gain a two-way understanding of the child and his problems. Dr. Lawler stated. A question and answer period followed.

The PTA prayer was led by Rev. Birger Johnson of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, and Raymond Carter, membership chairman, announced 219 were listed on the PTA rolls at present.

Raymond Hobbins, PTA president, announced the Open House





EVERY MONTH these members of the Saco School board meet in the superintendent's office to review new and old business on the agenda. Behind these visits are hidden hours of work and checking as each takes charge of their special division. In the photo are, left to right, Walter Lumb, board chairman and chairman of the con-

veyances for Saco school children; Supt. Frank Lawler, seated, the professional member of the group and the executive secretary; Mrs. Irving Chelder, the hot lunch and home economics board member chairman, and Joseph Grondin, the maintenance supervisor. They work together on a "chain of command" system.

## Saco School Board Has Weighty Responsibility

Who do you know that you have entrusted with spending \$316,000 this year in your Saco community? And how do they do it, when, why and where?

The answer in this, National Education Week, is in people, three residents whom you chose to represent the best interests of you and your children as members of the Saco school board. These dedicated citizens of today are Walter Lumb, chairman of the board, Mrs. Irving Chelder and Joseph Grondin.

The fourth member of this group is always the Saco superintendent of schools. This year he is one of the newer residents of the community, Dr. Frank Lawler.

The school board members can tell through their spokesman, Chairman Lumb, how they have apportioned that \$316,000 for the year. The biggest item is \$250,000 for the salary budget. This includes teacher, administration and janitor checks, and the payroll is signed once a month at the regular meeting of the board members. In respect to the teachers, the four-member board feels that good or poor salaries will command good or poor teachers for the Saco children and they are anxious to provide the best teachers and the best education possible in their town. The group will welcome attendance at the monthly meetings and discussion on how salary ranges are achieved in relation to the state scale and the scales in other communities of the same size as Saco. In fact, this board reviews salary

schedules every year and tries to keep them in line with those of the surrounding area.

The next big bite out of the school funds comes under the heading of fixed charges and totals another \$40,000. This is separated into two classifications again: \$20,000 for fuel, utilities and insurance with another \$20,000 for text books, capital outlay and maintenance.

The third big item comes for transportation costs with \$27,000 slated to be used in this department.

Saco also has a unique situation in that anything outside of the regular purchases are limited to \$100 maximum and must be referred to the general body for authorization. A quorum for legal action is two out of three members present. Chairman Lumb pointed out, and the school board philosophy is that its members are state and not local offices and authority is invested in the board and not in individuals themselves.

Each member of the Saco board has specific duties under its local plan, both departmentally and together. The group works on the "chain of command" idea with Mrs. Chelder taking charge of the hot lunch and Home Economics department, Chairman Lumb serving as chairman of conveyances and transportation, and Grondin supervising the maintenance department. All of these bring in material from their separate divisions to the general session so that each member of the board is aware of the scope and

administrations of these departments.

Supt. Lawler is the "executive officer" of the local school board. He is the expert on education to inform and advise the board; he carries out the board's decisions. Furthermore, he is the professional member of the staff. He serves as secretary to the Saco board, has no vote per se but does act as the purchasing agent for the group. On all matters pertaining to the course of study program, he recommends and the board approves.

In clarifying the role of a school board member, Lumb stated: "We feel that we are serving as trustees of the youth in our Saco community and we are pledged to provide them the best educational opportunities within our power. All of us are parents also and we bring a first-hand knowledge and understanding to our board work from this source."

"We are elected for a three-year term but last year the situation became somewhat unique due to so many families moving away. Three of us had to be elected at once which is most unusual. Joseph Grondin is filling out a one-year unexpired term on the board; I am completing another two-year term on the board, and Mrs. Chelder was chosen for a full new three-year term. Any citizen and resident of Saco may be a candidate for the board," he pointed out, "and must go through endorsement by a political party and election at a city

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